

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Bevan Scores

IF Mr Gaitskell gains any satisfaction from the election of a sympathetic deputy—moreover a distinguished representative of the moderate old guard—he may also be slightly shocked at the number of votes that Mr James Griffiths did not get. It would not be true to say that the 111 votes polled by Mr Bevan, the other contestant for the deputy leadership of the Parliamentary Labour Party, represents a sudden and alarming lull to the left.

Rather they indicate the feelings of a more radical body of men who while recognising Mr Gaitskell's superior qualities of leadership, nevertheless see in his middle class respectability and right-wing orthodoxy the need for a foil in the person of Mr Bevan as deputy leader. Others, though opposed to his philosophies, still feel that the antidote to Bevanism lies not in massive opposition, but rather in conferring responsibility of office upon its leader. Their instinctive reaction, therefore, was to vote left.

THESE were the votes that Mr Griffiths did not get. And the conclusion that Mr Gaitskell should draw is that a good deal more than a third of the Parliamentary party could on some vital issue of policy cause a serious division within the ranks. It is a sobering thought for a leader who has recently won a convincing election for the party leadership.

This, of course, need not obstruct Labour's policies as long as Mr Gaitskell remembers and as long as he can educate his party to believe that socialism does not mean reducing overall living standards to a lower level but, rather, raising lower standards to a higher level. If that is adopted as the guiding principle, it will help to eliminate much though not all of the confusion that exists between factional interests.

It should also be laid down that socialism in Britain is not an end in itself but a means to an end, and therefore an instrument to be used carefully and judiciously only when it lends itself to the benefit of the nation as a whole and not something to be applied wantonly to satisfy the whim of any sectional interest. Here, Mr Gaitskell's task will be harder but this is a point that needs to be thrashed out by the party at the earliest opportunity.

THE next question that arises is the future of Mr Bevan. At 58, he has several useful years left for service to the party, though his chances of high performance now seem small. But his influence will certainly remain strong even if he does not secure a place on the national executive. Mr Gaitskell will do well to remember this in his efforts to restore harmony within the party. For it can be predicted with safety that Mr Bevan will do his best not to alienate the support of the 111 members of the 272 in the party who were prepared to accept him as deputy leader.

In the new plans for reform of the party, Mr Bevan's influence will also be felt, particularly in the proposal to charge local labour party branches higher fees. In the constituency groups his prestige is highest and his support strongest and it is certain to be the plea of these groups that they deserve a more sympathetic hearing in framing policy than in the past. They may also seek to curb the power of the trade union "steering committee" and reduce the potency of its huge block votes at party conferences in return for a higher contribution to the party treasury. It is a request that, on the face of it, the party could not fairly ignore.

Tengku Rahman
Emerges As
The Strong Man
Of Malaya

London, Feb. 6.

The Malayan independence conference here draws up its final communique today, but this will not be released until the curtain is about to fall on Wednesday.

It will be an historic document, recommending that the Federation should now take a decisive step towards sovereign status within the Commonwealth.

Tengku Abdul Rahman, leader of the "Merdeka" (freedom) delegation, which represents not only the powerful political alliance of Malays, Chinese and Indians, but also the nine sultans as well, will emerge as the "strong man" of Malaya, mobilising 5,888,000 people in a new crusade against the 3,500 Communist terrorists in the jungle.

Australian Strike

Thousands
To Be Made
Workless

Sydney, Feb. 6.

Another 50,000 Australian workers were expected to be laid off their jobs this week because of the waterfront strike that entered its 15th day today.

A critical raw material shortage was anticipated because of the port stagnation. An estimated 10,000 persons already were out of work as a result of the strike tie-up.

Employers go into court today to seek permission to stand down 1,000 permanent clerks and 500 journeymen of stevedores in the country's major ports.

A coal industry tribunal is expected to deliver a judgment on Tuesday on the application of mining firms to stand down 12,000 miners in New South Wales.

The waterfront strike for higher wages was estimated to have cost shipowners some A£2,500,000 so far, with Australia's 27,000 wharf labourers losing almost A£1,500,000 in wages.

Heavy Losses
A United Press survey of the strike situation showed that almost A£17,000,000 worth of wheat and flour probably had been lost because exporters were unable to meet delivery orders from Japan, Malaya and Britain were among those affected.

Cargo was piling up in Australian ports at the daily rate of almost A£2,500,000 in goods. Some of the goods were deteriorating.

Picking of 4,000,000 cases of apples and pears for export already had started, but there was little chance of their being moved even if the strike ended soon because of the resulting port congestion. Fruit exports were intended especially for Malaya and Britain—United Press.

Family Of 4
Found Dead

Gardiner, N.Y., Feb. 5.

A housewife and her three small children were found shot to death in their isolated home near here today. The deaths were reported by the woman's husband, who said he was at work when the tragedy occurred.

The authorities rushed to the home of Robert Tattersall, 34, five miles south of New Paltz, Ulster County. They were unable to determine immediately whether the four had died of wounds inflicted by the family's 22 calibre rifle.

The dead were Alma Tattersall, 28, Veronica, 8, Alma, 5, and Robert, 3. Mrs Tattersall's body was in a bedroom and the children were in the dining room. "Tattersall, an employee of the Gardiner Highway Department, said his family was all right when he left home at 5 a.m. to send the slippery highway. When he returned home at 11 a.m., he said, he found his family had been wiped out.—United Press.

American-Made Balloons Fly Over Russia
ANGRY SOVIET PROTESTViolation Of
Air Space

Paris, Feb. 5.

The Soviet Government has sent a note to the United States against "violation of air space" by balloons carrying mechanical devices launched by American military services, Moscow radio reported tonight.

In the protest note sent yesterday, the Soviet Government demanded that the American Government take immediate action to put a halt to this "violation" which, it said, was contrary to the United Nations charter.

The Soviet Government has also sent a protest note to the Turkish Government on the grounds that balloons were sent off from Turkish territory. The note accused the Americans of also launching balloons from Western Germany and "other American bases abroad," the radio said.

Both notes were handed over yesterday to the ambassadors of the respective powers in Moscow.

The note said that the balloons carried both technical apparatus and propaganda leaflets.

The Soviet note said that during last January numerous balloons, 15 metres in diameter and carrying a load of some 550 kilograms (about 1,400 pounds) had been found in Soviet territory. They carried, it said, radio transmitters and receivers, automatic cameras and other mechanism, all marked "made in USA" and carrying the names of the manufacturers.

EARLIER PROTEST

These balloons, the note said, are launched by American military organisations from Western Germany and from military bases in country neighbouring the USSR.

The Soviet note recalled that the Russians had sent a similar protest to the United States last September, but that no action had been taken.

"What would the situation be," the note asked, "if countries into which the balloons are launched, themselves sent balloons into the air space of countries responsible for this illegal activity?"

The Soviet note said "this gross violation of the USSR's air space is contrary to the international law which stipulates that no flying machine may be launched into the air space of a nation without the agreement of that nation's government."

The note said this "violation of the USSR's territorial

integrity" was contrary to the obligations assumed under the United Nations charter to which the United States is a signatory.

In launching a strong protest, the Soviet Union requests the United States to take all necessary measures to put an end to these "unadmissible activities of American military organisations," the note concluded.

HELD RESPONSIBLE

The Soviet note to Turkey, Moscow radio said, was handed to the Turkish Ambassador, Kemal Nezat Kavay, yesterday by the Soviet Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Andrei Gromyko, who had also handed the Soviet note to the American Ambassador, Mr Charles Birch.

The Soviet note to Turkey claimed that dozens of American-made balloons carrying various equipment had lately crossed into the Soviet air space from Turkey in the area situated between the cities of Erivan and Nakhichevan in the Soviet Armenian Republic. The Soviet note said the Soviet Government had demanded that a seventh day of rest should be granted to all mining employees without in any way affecting existing total weekly or monthly emoluments.

Yesterday, the Selangor district committee of the same union voted similarly on the same issue. This district contains about half of the 16,000 employees in the Malayan mining industry.

The meeting at Ipoh today was the first of a series to be held in the state of Perak—Reuter.

Norway Tests
A New Type
Of Balloon
Oslo, Feb. 5.
Norway is testing a new type of American hydrogen-filled meteorological balloon which carries 440 lbs weight of instruments on the ground—China Mail Special.

A number of countries are understood to be experimenting with the outside balloons which are about 180 feet in diameter and made of transparent plastic. The balloons can stay airborne for several days and one from Norway is reported to have landed in Kent, England.

Readings from the instruments will be used in connection with the international geophysical year 1957/58, the board said.

The balloons carry a mechanism which explodes them should they fail to rise to a minimum height of 90,000 feet and out of danger to aircraft. Their course is plotted by radio signals sent to the ground—China Mail Special.

"Lady Killer"
Arrested

Toronto, Feb. 5.

One of Canada's fiercest most wanted criminals, who also won a reputation as a suave ladies' man by courting 16 girls at once and then marrying and abandoning two women in succession, was under arrest today for a \$44,000 post office robbery.

John Keith MacDonald, 43, alias John Cleland Black, as glib with the ladies in French as in English, was arrested last night on a farm 50 miles north of here.

The police recovered \$30,000 of the \$44,000 post office robbery allegedly stole from the Britannia Beach Post Office on December 17, 1954, when he was Assistant Post Master.

The police said he courted 16 girls during a visit to Vancouver, B.C., before he moved to Britannia in 1951—United Press.

Villagers Menaced
By Hungry Wolves

Rome, Feb. 5.

Villagers shattered windows and locked doors in their homes today for protection against prowling packs of starving wolves as snow covered much of the country.

The snarling wolves roamed the frozen mountain regions of central and south Italy, hunting for food.

They were in a dangerous mood. Yesterday a motorist shot dead a huge wolf which leapt on to his car bonnet at Madonna.

A hundred fishermen and their families on a small island in Lake Trasimeno, near Perugia, battered by violent snowstorms for the past two days, asked by radio for food. A helicopter failed to reach them, but ski-pilots today crossed the frozen lake with food and medical supplies.

Large areas of the bleak Abruzzi mountains and the Molise Region have been cut off after three days of continuing snowstorms.

Several people have died in the severe weather, but the full toll will not be known until communications are fully restored—China Mail Special.

Britain's
Great
Thaw Out

London, Feb. 5.

Britain today said goodbye to the five-day freeze up which cost 23 lives—and instead wrestle with the problems of the great thaw.

So many pipes burst that as they thawed out a water shortage was caused in some areas.

The northwest port of Liverpool reported 50 water mains burst.

In the London area the water authority had 1,000 men out coping with bursts and rigging up emergency standpipes in the streets to provide domestic water.

In Cheshire, near the Welsh border, housewives were asked to defer their traditional Monday wash day till Wednesday as there would not be enough water available tomorrow—Reuter.

And in Southern US
WORST BLIZZARD
FOR 50 YEARS

Washington, Feb. 5.

The worst blizzard for 50 years in New Mexico and the Texas panhandle entered its fifth day today.

Some areas are already under two feet of snow with drifts as high as fifteen feet.

At least 18 deaths, most in traffic accidents, were attributed to the storm. Transport and communications were disrupted and city streets blocked in Amarillo and Plainview, Texas.—Reuter.

14 Speculators
Sentenced

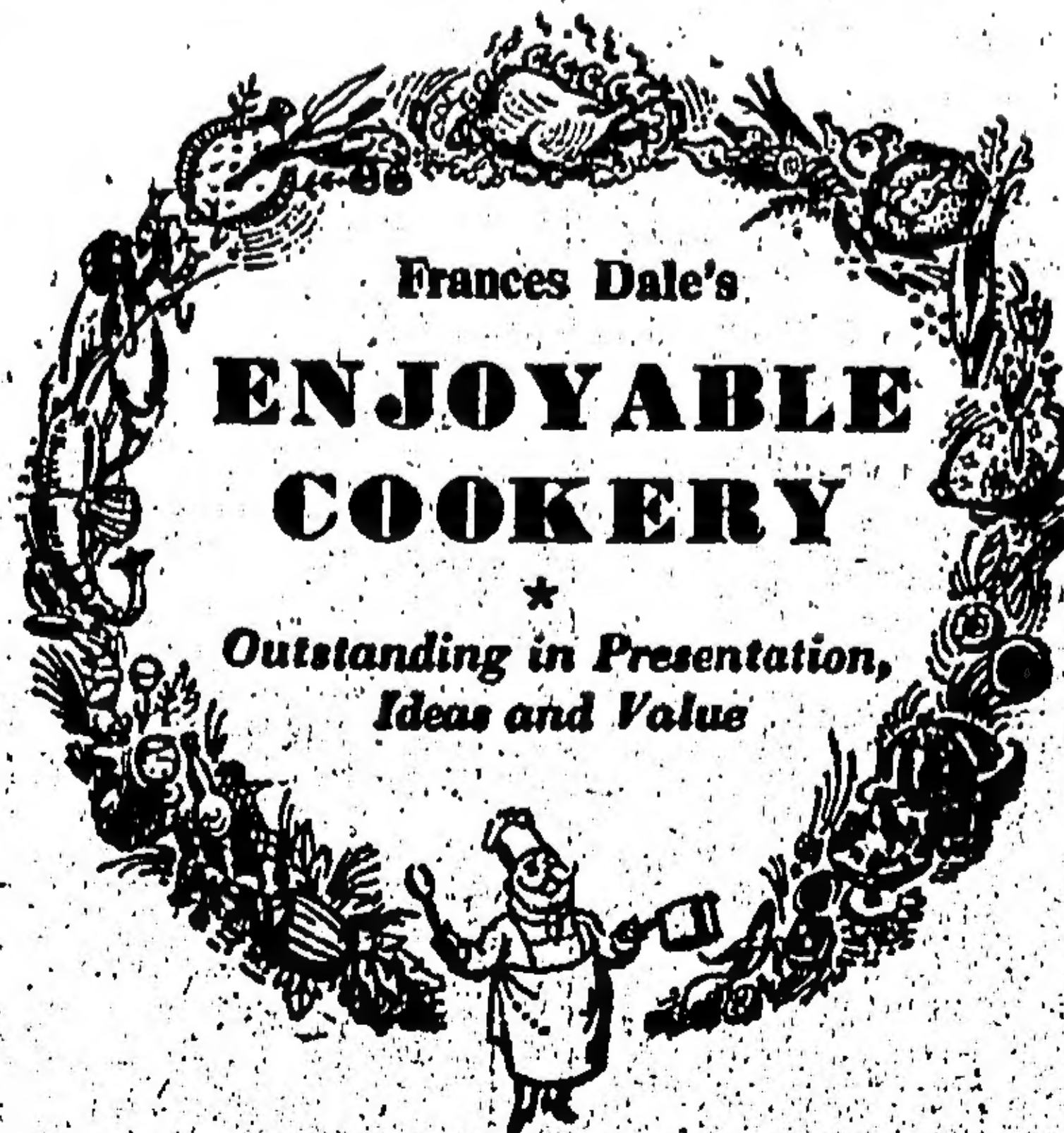
Moscow, Feb. 5.

The Supreme Court of the Turkmenian Central Asian Republic has sentenced 14 speculators, including one woman, to labour corrective camps for terms of five to 25 years, it was learned today.

The Turkmenian official newspaper said a well-organised band of professional criminals had roamed the country, buying and selling gold, furs and narcotics worth a total of 2,000,000 roubles (US\$500,000 at the official exchange rate).

It said one of their biggest deals was in 6,000 kilograms of silk. Nine other speculators, associated with those sentenced, will go on trial soon.—United Press.

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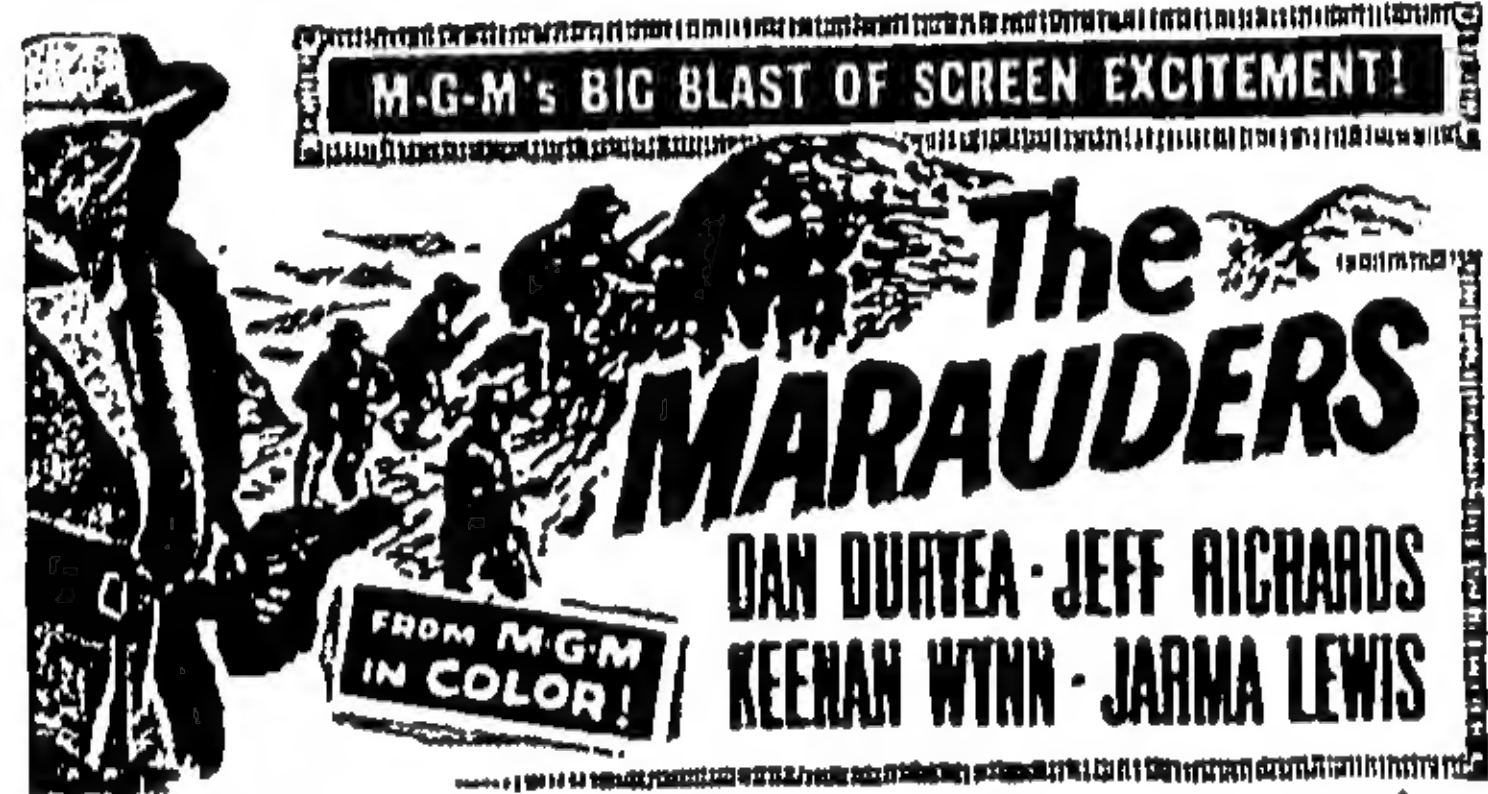


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ROYAL TOUR BIG SUCCESS

Queen And Duke Attend Church Service

By Donald Batchelor

Jos, Nigeria, Feb. 5.

The tiny Church of Saint Piran on the hillside here, was packed with 100 Europeans and Africans when Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh attended morning service there today.

The Queen, in a powder blue frock and white hat, was met at the porch of the little church, built of dried mud bricks with a corrugated iron roof, by the Bishop of North Nigeria, the Right Reverend J. L. Mort.

She and the Duke were spending a quiet weekend near the hillside of Jos, 4,000 feet above sea level after a strenuous week in Britain's largest colony.

Only a third of the royal tour has been completed but it is already possible to say that it is a success.

The recent has been on Nigeria and the Nigerians from the moment the Queen stepped out of her Argonaut plane on to the steaming tarmac at Lagos eight days ago.

Heady Wine

To this colony on the verge of nationhood, this recognition by the head of the Commonwealth that they and their land are important to her and Britain has been a heady wine.

A Nigerian journalist told me today "For perhaps the first time since Europeans came to Nigeria 100 years ago we are now feeling we are alike and that the British realise that."

Trygve Lie's Daughter Elopes

Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 5. Guri Lie, 26-year-old, blonde daughter of the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Trygve Lie, and William Zeckendorf, Jr., son of a New York real estate tycoon, eloped yesterday and were married in Virginia, it was disclosed today.

The newlywed couple returned to his father's home here tonight to find his parents "overwhelmed with joy." The elder Zeckendorfs said they had telephoned the news to the Lises in Oslo and the marriage also had Mr and Mrs Lie's full approval.

Romantic Story

"We think it's just the most romantic story there could be," said Mrs Zeckendorf.

"It certainly was a pleasant surprise," added Mr Zeckendorf. "Mr and Mrs Lie also are highly pleased."

Guri Lie, a close friend of Margaret Truman, and the 26-year-old Zeckendorf were married in Winchester, Virginia, after eloping from New York by car. They had first tried to get married in Elkton, Maryland, a favourite wedding site for runaway lovers, but were balked by a new law requiring a 48-hour waiting period.—United Press.

"We have seen our Queen as well as yours and she has made us feel we are all one."

The Queen and the Duke during their engagements have been obviously and genuinely anxious to meet Nigerian politicians, chiefs and businessmen, and the women and children of this vast, colourful land.

Some Grumbles

The Nigerians have appreciated this and fears expressed by them before the royal couple arrived that this would be just another opportunity for British officials to see and speak to their Queen, ignoring the indigenous population had vanished like the early morning tropical mists.

But there have been some grumbles from Nigerians—not against the Queen and the Duke but mostly directed towards British press correspondents covering the tour.

Nigerians are superstitious about some of the conditions that remain in this colony—slums, corruption and the primitiveness of many farming methods.

Whenever these have been touched upon in British newspapers or on the British radio there has been an immediate outcry here that British correspondents are looking only for the worst features in this colony.

Simple And Sincere

But one cannot help to notice that practically every one of the 33 millions who inhabit this colony have been given the biggest thrill of their lives by the royal visit.

Only a few of those millions have a chance of actually seeing the royal couple but the whole country has been following the tour by radio every mile of the journey.

The affection and joy of those who do see the Queen is simple and sincere.

Most Nigerians have been amazed at the youth of the Queen—many still think of the monarchy in terms of the aged Queen Victoria, lithographed portraits of whom can still be seen hanging in a place of honour on the walls of native huts.

To the spectacle-loving Nigerians, the Queen's greatest moments have been when she has appeared in evening dress, wearing her grandmother's magnificent diamond tiara, with jewels around her neck and wrists and pinned to her corsage.

Delirious

A British colonial officer here said: "The welcome given to the Queen has been triumphant but I wish it might have been possible that she could have appeared at least once or twice in her coronation robes and wearing some of the crown jewels."

"The ordinary simple people of this colony would have gone delirious with excitement at such a sight."—Reuter.



The royal visit to Nigeria is providing a royal progress in fact as well as name. Here Her Majesty is shown with the Governor-General, Sir James Robertson. The Duke of Edinburgh, in naval uniform, can be seen in left background. —Central Press Photo.

SEIZURE OF TRAWLERS

Norwegians Study Russian Note

Oslo, Feb. 5.

Norwegian Foreign Ministry officials were today studying a note received last night from the Soviet government about the 16 Russian herring boats arrested for allegedly poaching in West Norwegian territorial waters.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said certain things in the language of the note were open to misunderstanding and a Russian language expert had been called in to assist in the interpretation.

Until this had been cleared up, the Foreign Minister would not comment.

According to the version of the note issued by Tass, the Soviet news agency, this section described the episode as a "regrettable misunderstanding" and expressed the hope that Norway would take the necessary steps to release immediately all the Soviet vessels, now awaiting police action in the port of Alesund.

Outside

The Tass version said Russia admitted that the Soviet vessels might have been fishing within Norway's territorial waters, but it rejected a Norwegian protest, on the grounds that the incidents were not "premeditated."

In Alesund meanwhile, police continued work on the cases of the 16 ships in an attempt to be able to present their demands for fines and confiscation on Monday or Tuesday.

Two drifters arrested later than the others and taken to Florø, south of Alesund, were escorted into Alesund last night and the skippers were being questioned by police today.

Police said that they, like the other Russian skippers, claimed that according to their estimates they were outside the Norwegian boundary.

Pay Or Fight

Assessment of catches and tackle aboard the last two Soviet vessels will begin tomorrow and then police will study all documents and confer with the District Attorney and Attorney General before making a decision on the fines and confiscation.

Police chief Holsten said the police demands will probably be announced on Monday or Tuesday. The Russians then have three days to decide whether to pay or take the matter to court.—Reuter.

UN Prisoners On Way To Brazil

London, Feb. 5.

A group of 62 Chinese and North Koreans taken prisoners by the United Nations forces during the Korean war, stopped over here briefly on their way by air from India to Brazil.

The men "chose freedom" after the Korean armistice negotiations, were allowed to emigrate to India and then decided to settle in Brazil.

During their stay here, they were held in a special room at London Airport behind locked doors, underwent a medical examination and were given hot drinks and food. They were wearing civilian clothing. The police later escorted them to the Air France plane in which they were flying to Brazil.—France-Press.

American Investigators In Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 5.

American Congressman Francis E. Walter and two State Department officials arrived in Tokyo by plane tonight for an investigation into immigration and nationality problems in Japan.

Mr Walter was accompanied by Mr Scott McLeod, administrator of the State Department's Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs and Mr John S. Leahy, congressional liaison officer and State Department escort officer. Mr Walter is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee concerned with immigration and nationality problems.—Reuter.

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Washington, Feb. 5.

Senator Stuart Symington asserted today that Russia already has test-fired a long-range ballistic missile "farther than anything this country has ever tested."

UN Membership

UK Support For Sudan's Application

United Nations, Feb. 5.

British Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd has informed the Sudanese government that Britain will "warmly support" Sudan's application for United Nations membership, it was announced today.

The Security Council will meet on Monday to take up the application. "The United States has already made known its strong backing of Sudan for UN membership."

The British UN delegation made public the following telegram sent by Mr. Lloyd from Ottawa yesterday to the Sudanese Foreign Minister: "I am glad that your application for membership in the United Nations will be considered by the Security Council next week. As you will remember, Mr. (Arthur) D. Dobbie-Parker (British Foreign Office representative) told you Prime Minister when he was in Khartoum in December that we should warmly support your application."

"We shall do everything we can to ensure your admission. It will give us profound pleasure to see the Sudan seated in the United Nations and we look forward to many years of fruitful co-operation between our two countries in that organization."—United Press.

Israeli Envoy Recalled

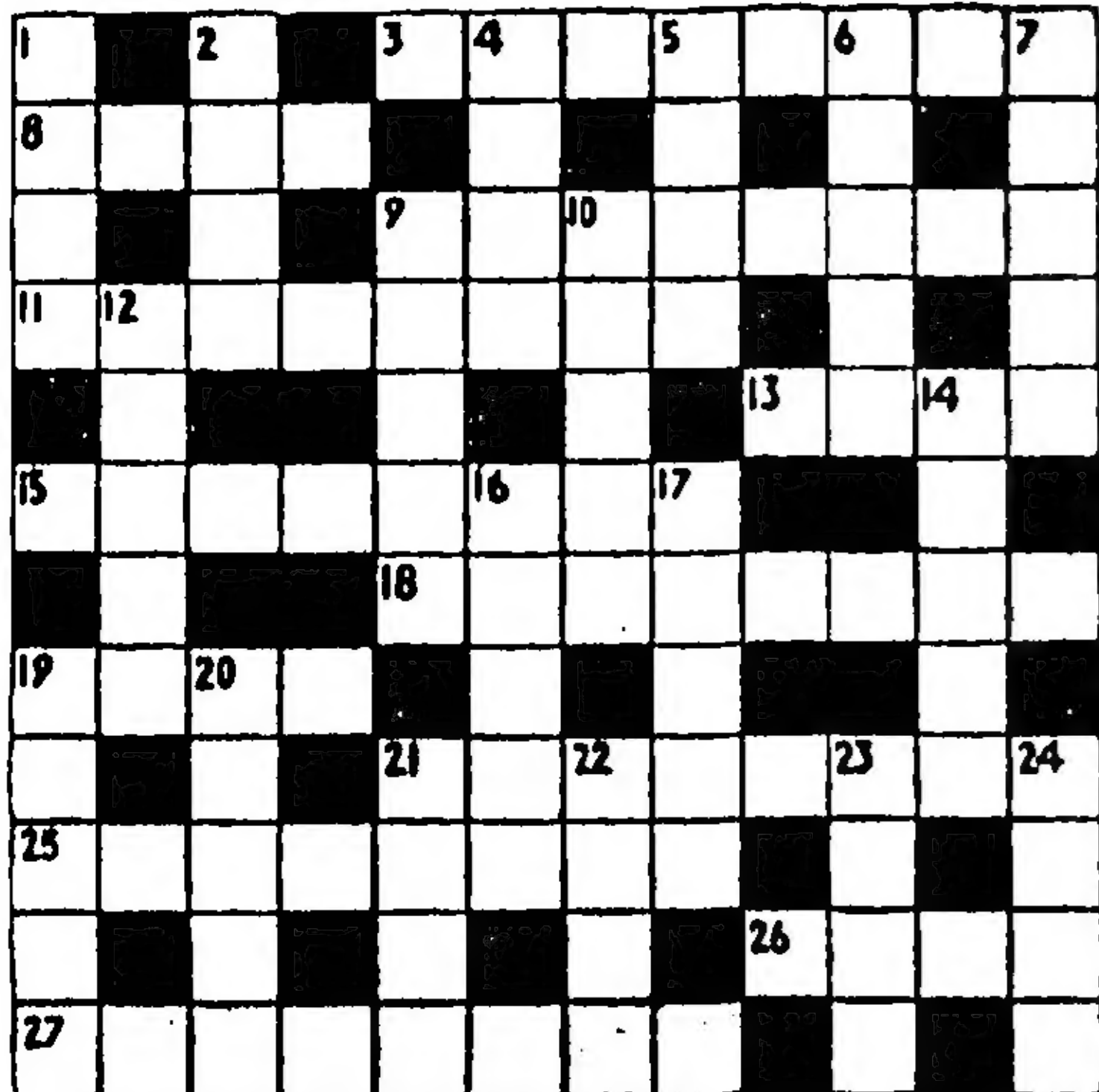
Paris, Feb. 5.

Radio Jerusalem reported today the Israeli Ambassador to Moscow, General Joseph Avigdor, had been recalled for consultations.

General Avigdor had an interview with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, last week on issues concerning their two countries.

He is due back in Jerusalem next Tuesday, the radio added. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Throttle (8).
- 8 Enlace (4).
- 9 Device (8).
- 11 Left (8).
- 13 Revise (4).
- 15 Vies with (8).
- 18 Kept back (8).
- 19 Oppressed person (4).
- 21 Attacks (8).
- 23 Clerical title (8).
- 26 Drug (4).
- 27 Wild horses (8).

DOWN

- 1 Pleased (4).
- 2 Support (4).
- 4 Sharp (4).
- 5 Greedy (4).
- 6 Society for mutual aid (5).
- 7 Happening (5).
- 9 Equipped (5).
- 10 Doctrine (5).
- 12 Run off (5).
- 14 Lifelines (5).
- 16 Concise (5).
- 17 Cold vegetable dish (5).
- 19 Scrimmage (5).
- 20 Talks wildly (5).
- 21 Operatic song (4).
- 22 Coxy (4).
- 24 Plunder (4).
- 24 Cost off (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Model, 4 Gaped, 7 Dapper, 8 Enlace, 9 Shelve, 11 Nodded, 13 Enlists, 15 Senses, 16 Revel, 18 Unsteady, 20 Haste, 21 Sleeve, Down: 1 Model, 2 Expat, 3 Torment, 4 Greedy, 5 Princess, 6 Deist, 10 Tallows, 12 Assets, 13 Enrich, 14 Salute, 16 Niece, 17 Style.

Wolf Ladejinsky Breaks ICA Regulation

Saigon, Feb. 5.

AMERICAN agricultural expert Wolf Ladejinsky, whose resignation from the US International Co-operation Administration in Saigon was announced yesterday, told a press conference here today he had broken ICA regulations unwittingly in having a personal cheque exchanged on the black market in Formosa during an official visit there last year.

Ladejinsky said he knew that the fact of his having broken the regulations unwittingly was no excuse.

Ladejinsky, whose Russian birth placed him at the centre of a heated "security risk" controversy a year ago, had been asked to resign after freely admitting guilt in the Formosa affair, the ICA announced yesterday when his resignation was confirmed. He had obtained his agricultural advisory job in South Vietnam on direct intervention from the White House after being dropped as agricultural attaché at the American Embassy in Tokyo in January 1955.

Referring to the case which led to his resignation, Ladejinsky said that in Formosa he had invested 3,000 dollars savings in the Shin Chu glass manufacturing concern, unaware that the corporation was receiving American financial aid. He said that as an agricultural adviser he had no knowledge of the ICA's financial activities other than those directly concerning his work.



Wolf Ladejinsky

He said he had been questioned concerning his purchase of shares by an ICA representative when he visited Hong-kong in August 1955. He had given full details and the representative had told him he would not divulge his information thus allowing Ladejinsky to hold on to the shares.

Ladejinsky said that he had reflected, however, and decided to sell the shares. He made a profit of 700 dollars on the deal.

But when the new ICA Chief John R. Hollister visited Saigon in October he was further questioned about the transaction and told it would be discussed in Washington. Three weeks later he was asked to resign.

Ladejinsky said he presumed that earlier publicity given his "security risk" case had not been without influence in leading the State Department to apply regulations to the letter and request his resignation in an affair that was over and done with.

He said he appreciated that in view of the earlier case he should have behaved "like Caesar's wife" beyond reproach, which he failed to do. He said what he most regretted was having to leave Saigon at a time when America's programme in South Vietnam and similar progress in other Asian countries seemed at last to be nearing fulfilment. —France-Press.

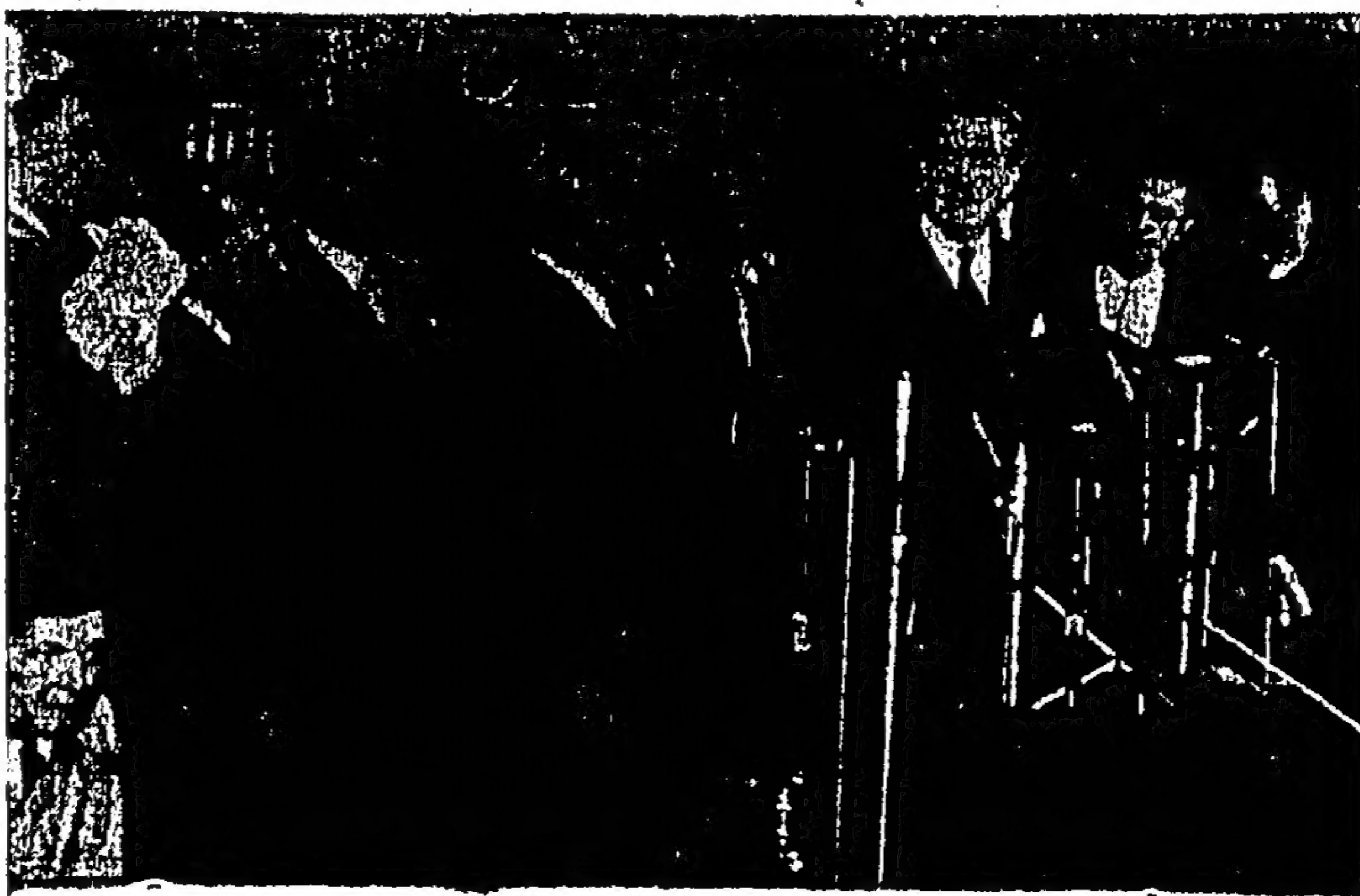
RARE BLOOD SAMPLES

London, Feb. 5.

Four rare blood samples from West Falkland Island arrived at Great Ormond Street Hospital, London, today for examination by specialists.

The blood is from a two-year-old boy suffering from a rare blood deficiency. Samples were sent the 6,000 miles to England to see if a cure could be found for disease—a hereditary one, also suffered by the child's family. —China Mail Special.

Eden, Lloyd In New York



Answering addresses of welcome following their arrival in New York en route to confer with President Eisenhower and US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles are British Prime Minister Eden and his Foreign Minister, Selwyn Lloyd. —Express Photo.

Iran Requests Greater Oil Output To Stabilise Economy

Teheran, Feb. 5.

Both British and United States governments are believed by highly placed officials here to favour Iran's request to the Western oil consortium for major increase in her oil exports this year.

Iran has asked the consortium which operates her nationalised oil industry to market more of her oil-well beyond the levels envisaged in the 1954 Teheran agreement—so that she can overcome the financial crisis which threatens her economy.

Unless means are found to replenish Iran's fast emptying treasury—either from increased oil revenues or United States aid—the country faces a budget deficit next March which is now believed to approach the 20 million pounds sterling level.

The two Western governments are seen here as favouring Iran's request to the consortium since added oil income would safeguard British and American political and commercial interests in this crucial oil state.

Close Gap

(Iranian officials told Reuters that their country had asked the consortium to lift output levels by ten million cubic metres between eight and nine million tons).

Annually this would increase her oil income by about 20 million sterling—enough to close the budget gap.

Principals of the 17 oil companies represented in the consortium are due to hold their annual meeting at The Hague in mid-February and Iranian officials hope for a reply from them at the end of February.

This involves a second look by these companies at some of the basic points agreed on between the consortium and Iran only some 18 months ago, as well as a global review of Western oil marketing schedules.

However, Iranian officials point to a hitherto unpublished annex to the main oil agreement of 1954 which offers substantial discount rates to the consortium if they greatly exceed the levels then agreed upon.

Minimum Levels

According to this council, Iran, as an incentive to increased oil sales, approved discounts of five per cent on the first ten million cubic metres, seven and half per cent on the second 10 million and 10 per cent on the third 10 million sold, above the levels mentioned in the 1954 agreement.

The 1954 agreement set minimum marketing levels for 1955, 1956, and 1957 at 10 million tons, 24 million tons, 32 million tons. Income from these amounts was estimated to be about 32 million sterling, 48 million sterling, and 68 million sterling in the three years ending December 1957.

If the consortium agrees to the Iranian proposals, income this

EGYPT PLANS SARTORIAL REVOLUTION

Cairo, Feb. 5.

The Government today prepared to launch a "sartorial revolution" aimed at getting Egyptians to dress more alike.

The campaign reflected annoyance of the educated classes over the myriad clothing styles ranging from native galabias—wide outer garments or wrappers—to Western-style suits.

Wing Commander Abdel Latif El Boghadi, Minister for Municipal and Rural Affairs, has formed a top-level committee to study means of unifying outdoor dress in Cairo, and Alexandria at a step toward a nationwide campaign. Boghadi gave the committee two months to report back.

Commenting on the situation today, the Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram said: "Any gathering of Egyptians of different classes looks like a carnival." —United Press.

DEFAMED ESTRANGED HUSBAND

Novara, Italy, Feb. 5.

An Italian court yesterday sentenced Mrs Joanne Patino Ortiz to eight months' imprisonment for having defamed her estranged husband, Mr Jaime Patino Ortiz, a member of the wealthy Bolivian tin family.

Neither Mrs Patino Ortiz nor her husband was in court here and it was believed that they were not in Italy.

They separated 18 months ago during their honeymoon in Italy. Charges arose out of an interview with Mrs Patino Ortiz, published in an Italian weekly journal over a year ago by an American journalist, Mr Michael Stern.

Mr Stern was acquitted of charges of being concerned in the defamation of Mr Patino Ortiz. Similar charges against the weekly were dropped.

Appeal

Court officials said that Italy would not apply for the extradition of Mrs Patino Ortiz but that, unless the sentence were annulled by a higher court, she would have to serve it if she ever came to Italy again.

Lawyers for Mrs Patino Ortiz said they would almost certainly appeal, after consulting their client.

In addition to the prison sentence, the court fined Mrs Patino Ortiz 70,000 lire (£40 sterling) and ordered her to pay 500,000 lire (£250 sterling) to her husband as damages, as well as the legal costs of the case. —China Mail Special.

Prices of household goods in Bulgaria will be almost halved by a general price cut decreed by the government today, Sofia Radio reported.

The price cuts, which come into effect tomorrow, range between 5 and 45 per cent, the radio said. —China Mail Special.

'YEAR ONE' OF PEACEFUL NUCLEAR POWER

New York, Feb. 5.

United States scientists are calling 1955 "Year One" of the age of peaceful nuclear power.

But while they welcome the relaxations of restrictions during that year, they are maintaining constant pressure on the government to give them still more freedom to exchange ideas at home and abroad.

The United States Atomic Energy Act of 1954 was the turning point in the official attitude, when, in effect, the Atomic Energy Commission began to make more generally available to private companies and individuals a great body of knowledge which it had accumulated on power reactors and other non-military developments.

That only the normal industrial secrecy will remain after a few years.

The scientist's view that there was still too much secrecy, especially about research on controlling fusion (the power of the hydrogen bomb) for peaceful purposes, was strongly supported in the autumn by Dr Henry Smyth, a former member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Then the Geneva atoms-for-peace conference last year opened the eyes of Americans—officials even more than scientists—to the great strides being made overseas, particularly by Britain and the Soviet Union.

Uncomfortable

The scientists are anxious not to lose the benefits of the free international exchange of ideas which began at Geneva. At least one powerful body, the Federation of American Scientists, is demanding that the government make it easier for foreign experts to visit the United States, on the basis of their scientific skill, not their political beliefs.

Such a suggestion is uncomfortable politically. The case of Dr Klaus Fuchs provided Senator Joseph McCarthy with much ammunition, and the Australian Petrov case is fresh in mind.

But, though the scientists complain that it is not coming fast enough, there is growing official recognition of the separation of military and non-military research, and of the possibility that secrecy may actually be harmful in the international race to generate electricity efficiently from nuclear reactors.

At the end of November, when there had been time for some study of the disclosure of the Geneva conference, Dr Willard Libby, a member of the Atomic Energy Commission, declared: "By describing (at Geneva) the technical problems regarding the development of atomic power and other peaceful uses of nuclear energy, we were allowed to act, and thus to bring solutions more quickly, thereby benefiting everyone."

Too Much Secrecy

"It seems not unlikely to me that as a result of the papers presented in Geneva, we may learn from some foreigners how to solve such a problem as the corrosion of aluminium by hot water, which is critical to the development of some types of atomic power reactor.... The peaceful uses of atomic power now are essentially all unclassified (off the secret list) except the work on controlled thermonuclear power. It is true that some phases of atomic power still are classified (secret), but the current trend is powerful and strong, and it seems likely

Free Criticism

Then Dr Smyth added: "We all accept the need for secrecy about research of military importance, though we may differ as to exactly where the line should be drawn."

"It is my impression that the work on controlled thermonuclear reactions has no significant military importance.... Should we proceed under the clumsy cloak of secrecy, hoping we will discover techniques that we can keep as national secrets, or would we be better off to expose our ideas and results to the free criticism and suggestion which has so invigorated our scientific and technological progress in the past?" —China Mail Special.

Steel Workers Get 5-Day Week

Brussels, Feb. 5.

A Belgian steel workers union have won their campaign for a five-day working week after long-drawn negotiations with employers and government representatives.

They will now work 45 hours a week instead of 48 hours over five-and-a-half days. They will also get 15 days paid holiday a year.

But coal workers, who asked for a similar reduction, were told by their employers that an abrupt reduction would have an adverse effect on the already "uneconomic" production in many mines.

The coal workers won an annual 16-day holiday, but will be asked by their trade union leaders to work seven of them during the first year. —China Mail Special.



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SAYS
EARTHA

by THOMAS
WISEMAN

EARTHA KITT, singer of songs that are not merely risqué but positively perilous, was lying in bed, suffering from exhaustion and the consequences of being £2,000 a week star.

She wore a flannel nightdress that might have come straight out of the "Pajama Game." She looked rather like a lady Marion with her slit eyes and domed forehead.

So sporadic

The telephone (not to mention the musical director, impresario, Press agent, etc.) kept interrupting our conversation. It was the most sporadic encounter since I gave up interviewing people on the flying trapeze.

Miss Kitt has been described as cuddly. To start with, she was about as cuddly as a porcupine. But she improved. By the time we got around to discussing Einstein.

Plato, Machiavelli and Freud she had become quite friendly. I asked what she did to relieve the tension when she was not discussing the theory of relativity. She said in that highly seasoned, benevolent voice of hers: "I live a very clean, simple life. But there's never a dull moment. I'm never bored with me."

I said I found her almost as fascinating as she did.

She said: "I spend very little money on myself. But I am thinking of having the heart of my bed done in leopard skin. Actually, I live very simply. I haven't got any very luxurious possessions."

I recalled that she had had five minks stolen.

"Well," she said, "if they were stolen, I haven't got them, have I?" And anyway, that was an exaggeration. One was another fur.

I inquired whether there was any romance in her life at the

moment. She said: "My work is my only romance. I don't have time for romance. I move around so much." I said I didn't believe a word of it.

Miss Kitt amended her statement slightly. As a matter of fact, she was a good friend of a man called Arthur Lowe, Jr. And then there was Otto something or other, and John, who was a member of a very old American family.

But just because these men happened to be multi-millionaires, it didn't mean she was a money snob or anything. She went around with plain millionaires too.

"People have accused me of being a gold digger. I'm not. I don't have to dig for gold. I've got my own."

"I like men period," she added. "They have to be intelligent, but they don't have to be able to discuss the quantum theory with me."

I asked: "Is it true that you said that as a singer, you bring out the best in men?"

"No, I wouldn't be that presumptuous. I don't know why everyone should think of me as such a sexy girl. I'm no sexier than the next girl. When people listen to my songs they must read between the lines."

I said: "Exactly how fatal are you?"

Femme fatale?

She said: "Me a femme fatale? That's a joke. I just sing the way I feel. Why don't I get married? For one thing, I'm not in one place long enough."

"Besides, you've got to find a man who earns at least a dollar more than the wife. Last year I earned 230,000 dollars. It's not so easy to find a man who earns 230,001 dollars."

"How do you come to earn so much money?"

"I was singing in Hollywood for 600 dollars a week. Then the King and Queen of Greece came to hear me. I sang 'I Wanna Be Evil' and 'C'est Si

Don." There was a scandal. The mayor protested that those were not the sort of songs to sing to royalty. My earnings shot up to 100,000 dollars a week and the mayor wasn't re-elected."

"What are your views on sex?"

"On the whole, I'm in favour of it. But I don't agree with Freud that everything has to do with sex. I mean when you look at a picture, that has nothing to do with sex? Or has it?"

I came to a conclusion about Miss Kitt, the long-playing femme fatale, whose voice breaks all the sound barriers, and can be as biting as nitric acid and as caressing as crème de menthe.

Whatever you do, don't be such a fool as to give her the Black Sea for her swimming pool.

That, as she says in one of her songs, is monotonous. Give her something by Plato instead.



EARTHA KITT—"I live a very simple life..."

ALMOST EVERYWHERE, THE SAME LESSON CAN BE LEARNED FROM REPORTS ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH YOUTH OF TODAY?

(By China Mail Special Correspondent)

ALL reports on juvenile delinquency, in whatever country, focus public attention on the number of children who get into trouble.

That, of course, is how it should be. Any inquiry into delinquency can only, statistically, deal with delinquents.

But it is too easily forgotten that figures showing the number of bad boys and girls also show the number of good ones; that while

they may show how much a nation has to worry about, they also show how much the people of that nation can be thankful for.

Take as an example a report recently published in England and Wales and dealing with delinquency in those two countries (not in Scotland, which produces separate reports and where the ratio of delinquents is less than in her neighbourhood).

From the report affecting England and Wales, a grim and grave picture is certainly drawn of various tendencies in particular age groups of young persons.

But it would be quite wrong for worried Englishmen and Welshmen to draw the conclusion that their young people were immoral, unstable, drunken thieves given to bouts of violence.

Sober Lives

Evidence to the contrary is given in this very report—as it undoubtedly is in reports concerned with other countries. Consider one figure affecting the English and Welsh—of every ten thousand males aged 17 to 20 in England and Wales during 1954, one hundred and ninety-one were convicted of breaking, entering, or larceny.

Sufficient to worry about that? Of course. But note that the figures also mean that of every ten thousand males in this age group, nine thousand eight hundred and nine did not commit those offences.

You could go on quoting similar figures (I) over the world, glancing even from the worst statistics the encouraging information that the vast majority of young people in the civilized countries on this

planet are leading chaste, honest and sober lives.

That is a point which should be made. For too long, pictures condemnatory of the present generation have been presented. It is time, in justice to the children of today, that people read the figures in the true light.

Not for one moment can anybody minimise the gravity of the trends which such reports often seem to reveal. And no one can dissent in the slightest degree when these reports insist that everything which can be done must be done to save young people from the mortal perils and temptations which so often threaten them these days.

Personal Example

Nothing better can be done than personal example in the home, or in office or factory or farm for that matter—personal example by the older generation. For remember, the fallings of young people can in no small measure be regarded as the outcome of their parents' failure to instruct, guide and inspire.

The great work that must be done to protect young folk from the dangers that beset them, as no other generation has been beset, can be carried out without blackening the youth of today.

The fact that so many—the overwhelming majority—have the character that preserves them from these dangers should be the inspiration of the care that must be given to the others.

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IS LIFE TOO LUSH FOR THE LAWYERS?

By Douglas
Clark

London. It is said that Socialist ex-Attorney-General Sir Frank Soskice has his eye on the safe Socialist seat vacated by Earl Attlee at Walthamstow West.

But if he gets it, you may be sure he will go back to Westminster with some sense of regret.

For his return to parliamentary life is bound to interfere with his practice at the Bar; and to Sir Frank that will mean a heavy financial sacrifice.

For where do you go to make your fortune these days? Where are the big incomes to be found? Not on the Stock Exchange or in company directorships. Not in business.

In the LAW. Lord Chandos, boss of Associated Electrical, gets enormous sums worth about £20,000 a year—and he is reckoned one of the biggest tycoons in industry. But what Lord Chandos gets in his modest compared with the cash which streams into the pockets of our best-paid barristers.

Their fees

CONSIDER the bank balances of the leading Q.C.s—of whom, in some cases, you may never even have heard.

Sir HARTLEY SHAWCROSS can count on a princely pay packet. I should be surprised if he were pulling in less than £40,000 a year.

Mr EDWIN SHELLEY and Sir LIONEL HEALD, who both specialise in patent cases, are reckoned to get £25,000 a year.

Mr FRANK GAHAN, who concentrates on Privy Council cases in the same income bracket. The late Mr FREDERICK GRANT was reported to have £40,000 due to him in fees when he moved from the Bar to the Steel Board.

Tax law experts like Sir MILLARD TUCKER and Sir MILLNER HOLLAND may well collect £25,000 or more apiece in a briskly litigious year.

For theirs is a form of specialisation which brings the most succulent rewards of all. So, Mr and Mrs Smith, if you want your boy to rise to riches these days, you know what to do. Stake him to a wig and gown and slap him in for his Bar examinations.

Let us look more closely at this privileged profession. How has it managed to make itself the top money-spinning group in the community?

Well, of course, it is an essential profession. It underwrites our freedom; for without lawyers to safeguard and interpret it, there could be no Rule of Law—on which British

liberties depend. But the lofty role which lawyers play in our society should not be held to exempt them from criticism.

The fact is that, on investigation, the legal profession reveals a startling picture of log-rolling, favouritism, price-fixing, manoeuvre, intrigue and restrictive practices.

Take first the barrister's so-called poor relation, the solicitor.

His cut

At the last count there were over 16,500 registered solicitors in England and Wales. Plenty of them harvest five-figure incomes.

The padding fees of the solicitor dog the ordinary citizen everywhere. When you rent a flat or take out a mortgage, the solicitor collects his fixed cut. When you buy a house, he picks up his fixed percentage; indeed, if he is acting for the vendor as well, he may get paid by both parties.

And every time you visit or even telephone your solicitor you pay a fixed charge.

Who does the fixing? Who registers solicitors, governs their discipline, and strikes them off the roll if they stray from the rules?

The Law Society. Are the people represented on this body? Not at all. The Law Society itself consists of solicitors who have a vested interest in preventing price-undercutting among their members. Its whole authority is thrown against the principle of free competition. It deadens enterprise and stifles initiative.

Restricted

NOW back to the plusher brethren. There are about 2,000 practising barristers. Consider the restricted class from which most of them spring.

There is less equality of opportunity than in most other professions for those who seek a career at the Bar.

For the Bar you need money from the start. You must pay around £100 to join. You may have to find up to £250 a year for your chambers. You must have the cash to keep yourself for several years while you are establishing your practice.

Next, within this small circle, see how favouritism can operate.

Does a litigant pick his own counsel freely? The convention is that he leaves the choice to his solicitor.

What mumbo-jumbo that is—and worse! For solicitors, of course, have their special pets at the Bar.

Who lays down the rule that a barrister may not act in contentious matters? Unless he has first been instructed by a solicitor?

The Bar Council, which stands in much the same relation to barristers as the Law Society to solicitors, Sir Hartley Shawcross is its chairman.

And the authority of the Bar Council is buttressed by the disciplinary powers of the Benchers of the Four Inns of Court. Among them the Council and the Benchers lay down minimum fees, refuse barristers the right to advertise, and have power to discipline their members in private courts against which there is no right of appeal.

But the sort of misconduct they take disciplinary action against is not always the sort that you or I would regard as most deserving of punishment. For though you can take legal action against a surgeon for negligence, there is no legal redress at all against a barrister whose client considers he has been incompetently represented in a court of law.

Tackle it

THAT may be fine for the barrister. He gets his fee regardless and full protection from reprisals. But there is not much joy in it for the ordinary citizen.

What is Parliament doing about all this?

You might imagine that every party would be shouting for the reform of the legal profession. The Tories, you might think, would be appalled by the dead hand it places on reason enterprise; the Liberals deploring its price-rings and private courts; the Socialists horrified by the handle it gives to privilege and nepotism.

But there is no whisper from any of them.

Why? Here is a possible reason.

The total number of barristers and solicitors in the Commons is 108. They are distributed among the parties as follows:

	Barristers	Solicitors
Tories	64	8
Labour	23	9
Liberals	3	1

The Law is by far the most heavily represented profession in the House of Commons. The Tories, you might think, our politicians should make sure not to give the impression that they lack enthusiasm for tackling its abuses.

The right way to tackle those abuses is obvious. The three parties ought to have no difficulty in agreeing upon it.

The case of the legal profession should be referred promptly to the Monopolies Commission.

PIRACY ON THE AIR

ABUSES of science are so much a feature of our time that many of them pass almost unnoticed. How many realise, for example, that night and day more than 1,000 "pirate" transmitters in the Soviet Union and the satellites emit a meaningless cacophony of sound merely to "jam" Western broadcasts to the Iron Curtain countries?

On this vexed question of "jamming," the Soviet leaders have surpassed themselves in hypocrisy. While clamouring for increased contacts between East and West, they obstinately continue to sabotage the greatest means of contact of all.

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The Soviet leaders at Geneva in 1955 paid lip service only to the need for increased contacts between the Communist States and the free world. In fact the Russians and their satellites continue to maintain in operation more than 1,000 "pirate" transmitters merely to "jam" Western broadcasts to the Iron Curtain countries.

As Laidlaw points out, the Communist leaders, while "clamouring for increased contacts... obstinately continue to sabotage the greatest means of contact of all."

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On August 8, 1955, a Swedish correspondent wrote to the London Times complaining of the "infernal racket" which, he said, went on day and night on every shortwave band and blotted out numerous programmes, "including some BBC services in English."

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An extraordinary feature of the case was the righteous indignation with which the Russians greeted the British ban. The chief Russian commentator, Mr V. Synajevsky, claimed in outraged innocence: "I cannot understand why we could not have a line."

Pravda, reporting the ban, stated that it "accords ill with the speeches of certain Western statesmen on the need to develop contacts." The paper omitted to state that the ban had been imposed because of the Soviet refusal not to jam the British broadcast.

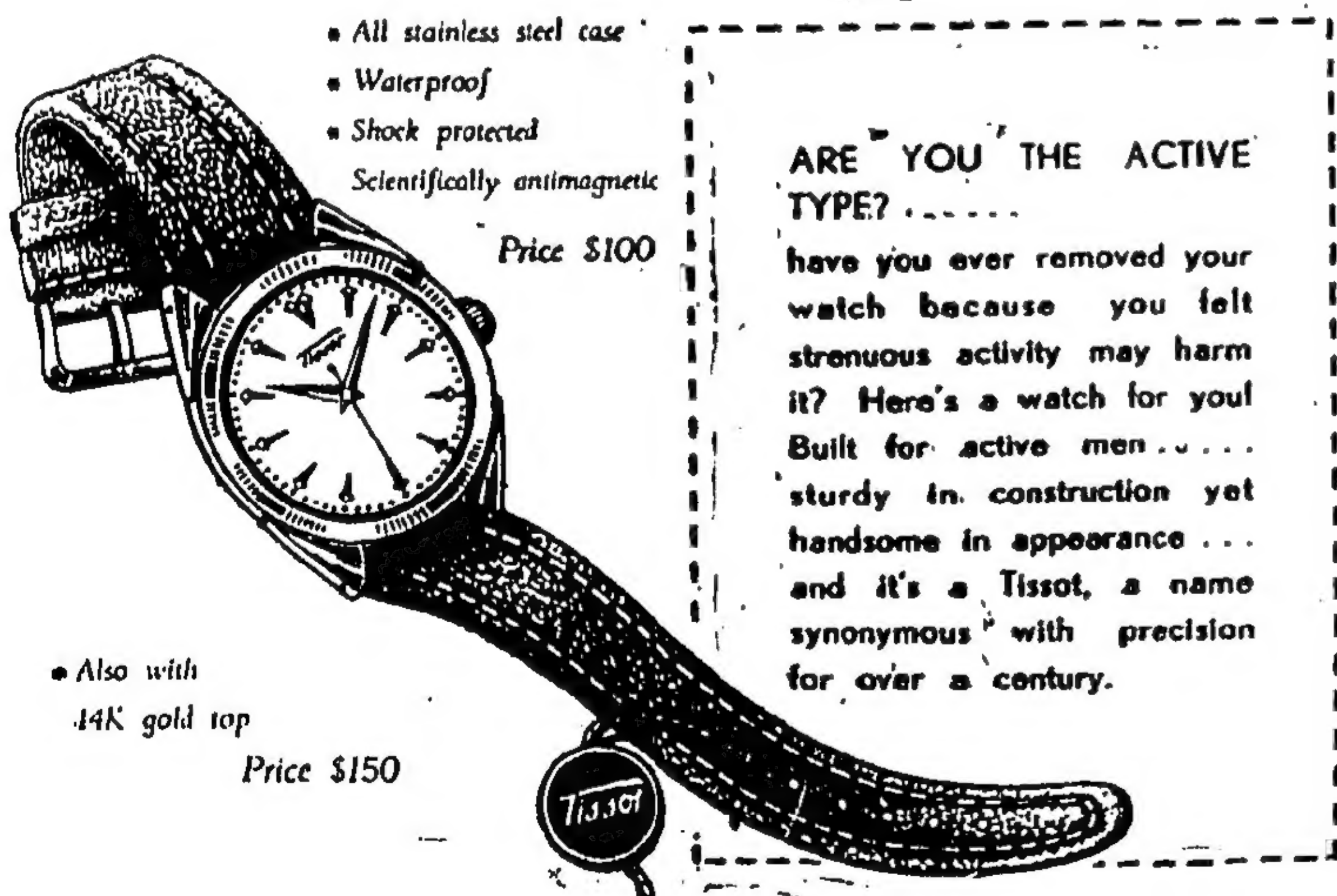
Mad Pravda explained this, it might have added, with equal justification, that the Soviet attitude "accorded ill" with Mr Molotov's declaration at Geneva that the Soviet Union "stands for a broad development of contacts between the East and the West," and his claim that it "does its utmost" to promote them.

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Says I. M. MacTAVISH

In a tense but never classic game that kept the big crowd rooted in their places to the very end Eastern won the right to meet Kitchee in the final of the Senior Shield.

Twenty-five thousand spectators turned up yesterday to see this much publicized match, and there must have been few of them who did not leave the Hong Stadium satisfied that, on the day's play, Eastern deserved their victory... narrow as it was.

From start to finish it was a hard grinding encounter with both sides contesting every inch of ground, and both making the simple sort of mistakes that are so much a part of the big occasion when nerves are on edge and players are a little jumpy.

Eastern owe a great deal to Chau Man-chi whose cool judgment and brilliant distribution often stopped apparently dangerous situations and turned them to advantage with a well aimed intervention and a thoughtful pass.

The soldiers never quite recaptured their form of recent games, but this was due more to the swing-the-ball-about tactics of the Chinese boys than to any unexpected shortcomings in the Army line-up. Early on they seemed just a little jittery and it was significant that it was in this five-minute period that they lost the vital match winning goal.

SCORING CHANCES

Later, when they settled down, there was very little in the balance of the play and, if over the pace Eastern had the majority of scoring chances the Army kept it right to the end and might easily have snatched an equalizer which they hardly deserved on the run of play.

Eastern included the younger and faster Lo Pak at left back

BOAT RACE

Oxford Have "Secret Weapon" This Year

London, Feb. 5.

This year's Oxford and Cambridge University crews will be two of the heaviest on record when they meet for the 102nd Boat Race on the London Thames on March 24.

At present both crews are in the building up stage, training on home waters, but already there is a prospect of the emergence of two fast crews averaging about 13 stone a man each.

Cambridge's present crew is even heavier than the one which beat Oxford last year by 10 lengths, the largest margin for the four and a quarter mile Putney to Mortlake tidal course since 1900.

Oxford, in keeping with a tradition which has grown in recent years, will probably have two Australians in the crew—the President, Jim McLeod, and E. V. Vine. Last year and in 1954 Oxford had four Australians in the crew.

Oxford have a "secret weapon" this year to help them to victory—they have ordered a new type of boat constructed of three layers of laminated Honduras mahogany. Cambridge are sticking to the traditional type of rowing shell—China Mail Special.

TABLE TENNIS

World Doubles Champions Beaten In Final

Brussels, Feb. 5.

Miss Ann Haydon, 17 of Britain gained her second singles title within four days when she won the Women's Championship in the Belgian Open Table Tennis Championships here tonight. She beat Miss Helen Elliott of Scotland 21-18, 21-13, 21-13 in tonight's final.

The British twins Mrs Rosalind Cornett and Miss Diane Rowe retained the Women's Doubles title beating Miss Haydon and Miss Elliott 16-21, 21-18, 16-21, 21-14 in the final.

Vilim Harangozo (Yugoslav) won the Men's Singles title beating Vogrine 21-16, 21-13, 21-13. Miss Haydon and Ivan Andrijevich (Czechoslovakia) beat Mrs Cornett and Ladislav Shipok (Czechoslovakia) 21-10, 13-21, 21-16, 16-21, 21-13, in the Mixed Doubles final reversing the result of the final in the French Championships.

Shipok and Andrijevich, World Champions were beaten 21-10, 19-21, 11-21, 21-16, 21-13, in the Men's Doubles final by Yugoslav pair Josip Vojinovic and Josip Goric, past year's winners.—Reuter.

Two Hockey Wins For Macao

Macao, Feb. 6.

The seniors of the Macao Hockey Club yesterday defeated the 1st Regiment, Northamptonshire, 8-0 in a friendly match at the Caixa Escolar ground.

At the interval, the score was 1-0.

The Macao Hockey Club "B" selection, defeated the Regimento da Cavalaria, 4-1 in the interval.

MINI-SOCCER

A strong mini-soccer team from Chinese First Division players in Hongkong, under the name of Wah Nam, defeated the Macao Champions, the Regimento da Cavalaria, 4-1 in a seven-a-side encounter.—Reuter.

Eastern had a fine chance to increase their lead just before the interval but after getting a clear path to goal, Lau Chi-lum hesitated and Robson and Mullett were able to save the situation with the help of Charlesworth.

Half-time reflections were generally in favour of Eastern who had always suggested a forward thrust that was absent from the Army's play.... and this in spite of the fact that the soldiers had done more of the actual attacking.

The second half was one long struggle between two tightly locked sides. The wing-halves of both teams tried hard to drive the forwards into scoring position but tight marking and hard tackling nullified a lot of their work.

Hau Ching-to should have tied up the game for Eastern on several occasions when long passes gave him the chance of a clear run in on the Army goal.

Three times this happened, and, on each occasion when Charlesworth dashed out to narrow the angle, the Eastern winger sent the ball wide of the first post. Each time he looked very disappointed but he had real reason to show his dismay a little later when he tried to lift the ball over Charlesworth's head only to see it bounce on the top of the cross bar and be kicked clear by Robson as it dropped.

This was a slice of bad luck for Eastern for both the leading up work and Hau Ching-to's finishing effort deserved a better fate.

TWO FINE HEADERS

It would be wrong to give the impression that it was all Eastern at this stage for the Army forwards were often surging into the attack and two fine headers by Morris and Chalmers brought out a couple of brilliant clutching saves by Yung Pui-dor.

With the hands on the Stadium clock climbing remorselessly towards full time, the Army threw everything into an effort to snatch the equalizer but all they got was a corner kick—squandered by McLaughlin—and a couple of free-kicks that came to nothing.

In a lively Eastern side Chau Man-chi—little man that he is—stood head and shoulders above everyone else. He made those around him, whether friend or foe, play at his speed, and his uncanny intuition of knowing just when to hold or hit the ball was the salient feature of the game.

Yung Pui-dor, Lo Pak and Ko Po-keung all defended stoutly without ever losing an eye for the chance to go up in the attack. The forward line was always being tightly marked and hard pressed by the Army defenders and only Chau Wing-leung and Hau Ching-to were able to break the stranglehold with any regularity. Lau Chi-lum worked very hard but with Ho King-fun and Kwok Yung-tai effectively subdued he was often crowded out.

Mullett, Tolkey and Chalmers were the men who mattered most in the Army side although McInnes, who recovered well from a bad start, Robson and McMillan worked very hard to save the game. Morris in his first match had a poor day against his old football foe Ko Po-keung. As usual he ran himself almost into the ground but his wanderings confused rather than helped his mates.

Hogan took a roasting from Hau Ching-to and was frequently left trailing behind the winger. Charlesworth, who looked a little nervous at the start had many fine saves and showed once again why he is guarding the Colony goal. While and McLaughlin have both done better.

VERDICT

...a simple one...justice was done. It might well have been more conclusive...but the other hand the soldiers could easily have snatched a late equalizer. A typical grinding cup-tie played in good spirit, and efficiently controlled by Referee Jack Shepherd.

TEAMS

Eastern: Yung Pui-dor; Lee Ping-chui, Lo Pak; Chau Man-chi, Ko Po-keung, Lee Kwok-wah; Ho King-fun, Lau Chi-lum, Kwok Yung-tai, Chau Wing-leung, Hau Ching-to. Army: Charlesworth; Hogan, Mullett, Morris, Robson, Tolkey, McMillan, Chalmers, Morris, White, McLaughlin.

A PUNCH IN TIME SAVES EASTERN



Eastern's Yung Pui-dor punches the ball away before a charging Morris of the Army in this thrill-packed Army versus Eastern Senior Shield soccer semi-final at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday. Eastern qualified for the final by virtue of their solitary goal scored early in the match.—China Mail Photo.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Saints Score Convincing 8-0 Win Over Warriors At King's Park

By "TIME OUT"

Jindo Hussain's strong St Joseph's nine kept their Pennant hopes alive with a convincing victory over the Warriors at King's Park before a near-capacity crowd. Unleashing the might of their fury on opposing hurler Wong, the joltin' joys burst out with an eight-hit barrage to hand the Warriors their worst setback this season with an 8-0 whitewash.

In the other Senior game played yesterday, Buster Holland's fighting Blackhaws edged the US Navy squad, represented again by the USS Formosa, with an 8-5 count behind the one-hit pitching by second-string hurler Reenie Barretto.

In the other game scheduled, the cellar-dwelling Chinese Athletics failed to field a full team against the League-leading Braves in the morning and thus conceded a walkover.

The distaff side thrilled fans that trooped out to the park in the early hours of the morning as the first game of the Senior Ladies' play-offs saw a see-saw battle between the Wahos and South China rage on for nine full innings before the 'Owls' could claim a 9-5 triumph. With a five-all deadlock going on into ninth frame, the Wahos exploded with four runs in the opening of that chapter to sew up the ballgame.

Starting out with their strongest nine against the Warriors yesterday, the Saints spared no quarters and asked for none as their big guns pounded away incessantly at the fast fling of losing hurler 'Goose' Wong to rake in an embarrassing 8-0 count. Spearheading the attack for the Saints was none other than their mainstay, 'slugger' Dave 'Bambino' Leonard, who connected three times in his four trips to the plate, while the run-scoring were A. O. Ismail, A. M. Ozorio, Benny Omar and Claude Pugh.

INITIAL FRAME

Opening their half of the initial frame, Arthur Ozorio drew a free pass to first, advanced on a wild pitch and exposed the plate on a neatly placed bunt by Benny Omar. A series of errors blended with a timely bingle off Dave Leonard's helmet sent Omar cavorting over the pan. A hasty attempt to stretch his single saw Leonard slipped at second, Claude Pugh stood still on three strikes for the second out and Mario 'Red' Percin popped to end the inning.

The second frame saw the mighty Saints piling on two more runs as A. G. Ismail, leading off, walked, stole second, advanced on a sacrifice and stole home. Art Ozorio then laid down a bunt and Omar walked to place runners on first and second. Pugh flew out and when Leonard's smash towards shortstop was muffed, Ozorio scrambled over the plate.

Hitting Wong as if they scooped all the way to third. A fielder's choice then put her across the rubber for the one run each in their following innings to let the final count read 8-0.

Fighting with their backs to the wall, the Warriors managed a weak defence against their hard-hitting opponents and only took the offensive over in the top of the fifth when Reggie Santos and Miguel Ferras singled successfully after one out to place two ducks in the pond. But George Ribeiro calmly looked over a third strike while a fielder's choice nailed Reggie Santos at third.

EXTRA INNINGS

With the game extending into extra innings, Wahoo hurler Evelyn Alonso fired her fast strikes over the plate with unerring accuracy to claim three of the seven batters facing her via the strikeout route.

LADIES' SECTION

In the ladies' section, a real ding-dong battle ensued when the Wahos and South China met for their first game of their play-off series. With the lead changing hands several times until the five-all deadlock in the seventh, these two well-matched teams slugged it out for two extra innings before the South China ladies bowed out to a four-run barrage to concede a 9-5 verdict.

The Wahos jumped into the lead in the initial frame when Patsy MacDonald connected for a two-run homer into deep centerfield after two outs.

Fighting valiantly back into the game, the Nam Wah girls crumpled with four runs in the bottom of the fourth frame to pull ahead, capitalising on six bunched-up Wahoo miscues plus a home run by P. Wei. Two more errors blended neatly with a single by Helen Leung in the fifth to give South China another run for a 5-2 lead.

The sixth frame saw the Wahos crawling back into the game as Patsy MacDonald obtained a life on an error, and 'Alex' Mendonca pushed one rally across leaving all two runners on. A sacrifice then saw another Wahoo marker going up in the scorebook.

Trailing 4-5 in the top of the seventh, Evelyn Cotton punched out a single after one out and when the pills escaped the mitt of outfielder T.Y. Chan,

Ken Barrington And Watkins Save MCC 'A' From Complete Collapse

Dacca, Pakistan, Feb. 5.

A sixth wicket stand of 83 by Ken Barrington and Alan Watkins saved the MCC "A" team from complete collapse on a rain-affected pitch against Pakistan on the third day of the unofficial second Test here today.

The touring side, who lost their last five wickets in the space of 18 runs, were all out for 172, Khan Mohammed, the pace bowler, finishing with 7 wickets for 84. Pakistan made 13 for no wicket before the close.

Only two days remain for play after tomorrow's rest day, and unless the MCC bowlers achieve some exceptional figures on Tuesday, the match, like the first Test, appears destined to end in a draw.

Play today could not start until after lunch and with yesterday's complete wash-out over ten hours play have been lost.

A possible 14½ hours remained when MCC resumed today at 90 for four. Without addition they lost Jim Parks kg-before to Khan Mohammed, but Barrington and Watkins thwarted Pakistan's hopes of a complete collapse with some valiant batting against accurate and varied bowling.

RESOLUTE BATTING
The sixth wicket pair took two hours of resolute batting to raise 50 for the partnership, but it checked the ominous tumble of wickets.

The value of the stand was emphasised by the breakdown that occurred once Watkins had gone. The last four wickets all fell to Khan Mohammed, who bowled 38.4 overs, eight of which were maidens.

Khan Mohammed and the other team bowler, Fazal Mahmood, who took three for 51 in 43 overs, 22 of them maidens, bowled 51 of the 99 overs.

WINTER OLYMPICS

Russian Team Has Done Very Well Says Brundage

London, Feb. 5.

Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, spoke over Radio Moscow today and said the Russian Olympic team "has done very well."

The message was recorded at Cortina d'Ampezzo and broadcast this morning from Moscow in English.

Brundage said: "Here in the beautiful Winter fairland of Cortina d'Ampezzo are the sportsmen of 30 different countries who are participating in the Seventh Olympic Winter Games."

"Our Italian friends have provided wonderful facilities and an excellent organisation, and many records have been broken. The Russian team, participating for the first time in the Winter Olympic Games, has done very well."

"We are glad to welcome the youth of the world here, regardless of race, religion or political belief. One of our main objectives in sport is to keep the Olympic Games free from dollar signs and free from political intrigues."

"The great trouble in the world today is a lack of understanding of human relations and nothing does more to dissipate this lack of understanding than the friendly contest on the field of sport."

"We hope that the politicians of the world will adopt the same spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship that prevail in the Olympic movement, for only then will we have a peaceful world."—United Press.

SWIMMING

Dutch Girl Lowers Own World Record

Velsen, Feb. 5.

Netherlands swimmer Miss Tie Voorby today lowered her own world record for the 100 metres butterfly breast-stroke which she swam in 1 minute, 11.8 seconds at Velsen.

She broke her previous world record of 1 minute, 13.1 seconds set up at Vlaardingen in September last year.—France-Press.

12th Interport Yachting On February 11

Macao, Feb. 6.

The 12th yachting Interport between the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and the Club Nautico de Macao will take place between February 11 and 13, during the Chinese New Year holidays.

The two yachting clubs will vie for the Cowan's Cup.—France-Press.

Hungarian-Born Wrestler For Australia

Singapore, Feb. 8.

Hungarian-born wrestler King Kong will fight Australia's Emil Korotchenko at the White City tennis stadium in Sydney on Feb. 15, it was learned today.

King Kong, who has fought many of the top wrestlers in many Asian countries, will appear for the first time before an Australian crowd.—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS



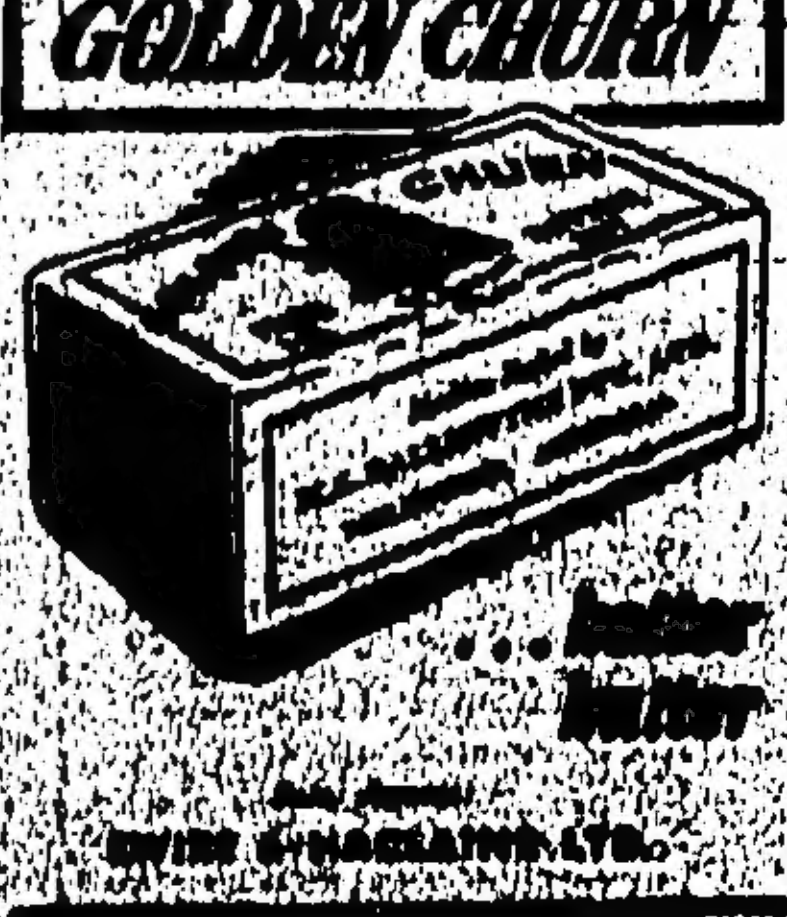
By Barry Appleby



THE GAMBOLS



GOLDEN CHURN



HEXANGULAR TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY WAS A DAY OF CONTINUAL SURPRISES FOR THE RUGGER FANS

By "PAK LO"

Saturday was a day of continual surprises in rugger circles, for not only did the Club fall beneath the excellent attack of Army South by 25 points (2 goals, 5 tries) to 3 points (1 penalty goal), but the RAF narrowly scrambled through to victory over the Police by 8 points (1 goal, 1 penalty goal) to 5 points (1 goal), while the Navy with almost a new fifteen on the field completely confounded all critics by overcoming one of the top contenders for the Hexangular title, Army North, by 12 points (3 tries, 1 penalty goal) to 10 points (2 goals), thus decreasing Army South's chances in the Tournament, and at the same time removing the Navy from the bottom of the table.

Before going on to the games it is interesting to consider the table as it now stands. Army South, with a game in hand, lead and on present form should be capable of beating Army North, thus emerging the clear-cut leaders as the table below shows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Army S	4	3	0	1	23	15	15
Club	4	3	0	1	37	45	9
RAF	4	2	0	2	30	35	4
Army N	4	1	0	3	16	20	2
Navy	4	1	0	3	27	63	2
Police	4	0	1	3	32	55	1

The main change in the table from last week is the removal of the Club from the bottom of the table, which has played better rugger this season than has been seen by Club supporters for quite many a day, while the Police, although they have not won a game this season, have at least been scoring well as a glance at the table proves.

This is a big change for the Police, for when they scored last season it was with a capital "N" and almost worthy of headlines.

Even though the Hexangular has not reached the half-way stage yet, it is safe to say that spectators are being treated to a much improved brand of rugger, and that the splitting of the Army into two fifteens has done a lot for the game in general.

CLUB V. ARMY SOUTH

The Army were without Gerard in the centre of three line, but Anderson moved in into his place and Carter took over in the wing. The result was an excellent three line, whose attacking power was much too great for the Club back.

The latter must take the blame for this loss of two important points, for once again they ran against the wind, and almost invariably lost ground.

Nor was their lack of luck better than their running. In fact it was downright poor, and it was this fact in particular that cost the Club down. On the other hand the Club forwards played with fire and verve, and though they were the better in the loose, but failed to share the scrums and lineouts with the Army team.

The Club forwards, however, do not back up their three as well as they might and this was obvious on Saturday when the Army South showed them just how it should be done.

Best of the Club forwards were Kerr, Miller and Penman, the latter particularly shining in the loose, while Buckley was once again to the fore in the Army back.

The whole of the Army three division deserves praise, with Anderson naturally taking the lion's share of the credit. Both sets of halves played well but again it was the Army pair, Jackman and Glen, who looked the most dangerous.

Before the Club realized what had happened to them the Army had opened the scoring with a nice try by Buckley within a minute of the kick-off. The conversion was missed 3-6.

Eight seconds later from the drop out the Army South went off again, and after a good three move the ball went to Carter who, through the almost non-existent defence to score well put. The conversion was missed 6-0.

Now at last the Club got going and they gradually forced the Army back towards their own line and the Army 25 line-out was well defended. The conversion was missed 6-0.

The second half saw the Army well in the ascendancy, and by now the Club forwards were becoming discouraged and losing their fire, and the Army began to get the ball back to their three more often than the Club.

The next score came after a Club attack had got as far as the Army 25 where a line-out was won. Army South heeled the ball smartly and Glen sent the ball out to Jackman who quickly gave it to Anderson. Anderson cut through and when threatened kicked ahead, then whipped on a scathered line and again when threatened kicked ahead.

This time the ball went loose over the line and Carter, moving smartly, beat the defenders to the touch down. Buckley converted to make 6-14-2.

Again the Club forwards swung back into the attack, and O'Kelly getting the ball tried to drop goals, but each time missed narrowly.

Then the Army swept back upfield to within 15 yards of the Club line where they were stopped. There was a loose Maul and the Army heeled and sent the ball to Owen-Smith who made an opening and sent Williams over well out. The conversion was missed 11-6.

Again it was the Army who found from another strong attack. This time a scrum on the Club 25 gave them their chance, and the ball went cleanly along the wing to Carter who scored in the corner. The conversion was missed 20-3.

In the final minute the Army added yet another five points to their total when Summer after missing a line-out from Owen-Smith recovered well to gather it again, and score under the posts. Buckley converted.

NAVY V. ARMY NORTH

There was no doubt that the changes in the Navy made a big difference, particularly in the forwards, who were excellent, and they gained an almost complete territorial advantage for the Navy throughout the game.

The idea of landing Moore in a fly half and putting Davies in the centre of the Navy three, paid dividends as well, and the rumour that the Navy will be even stronger for the next three weeks bodes ill for their opponents on those dates.

The Navy forwards completely outshone the Army side, particularly in the loose, where they were always on top of the ball, and they never allowed the Army halves to settle down to any degree.

As a result it will not be surprising if the Army North make one or two switches in their line-up next week.

Moore had an excellent game at fly half and made many good openings, and almost invariably it was his fast covering for-

wards who were there to take it on.

With much stronger forwards in front of them the Navy three line seemed much happier, and they often looked like scoring.

Best of the Navy forwards was Duffy who played one of his best games to date, and with Davies getting the ball from the scrum fairly regularly the Navy were always a danger.

Oddly enough, the Army's two forwards scored from close to the Navy line, and the Army three looked unsettled at times. When they did get the ball they crowded their wings and made little ground.

Army's first score came when a scrum on the Navy line they snatched up a dropped pass, and went through to score under the posts. They converted.

Their second goal came through the Navy's eagerness to get at their opponents. The Army had moved downfield until they were finally held with about a yard to go, when a scrum was ordered.

The Army heeled and held the ball, but the Navy, thinking they had sent it out to the three, broke on the scrum and the Army easily pushed the remaining Navy forwards over the line and dropped it.

The Navy's three tries were all scored by forwards. Duffy was the first of them when after a kick ahead from a line-out he gathered and scored. Then Gule scored one, again from a kick ahead from a line-out, and finally the third try was scored by yet another forward.

This time the ball went loose and Moore snatched it up and then gave it to the forwards who passed it back and forth between about four of them before one of the four scored well out. The conversion was missed.

The other score came from a penalty attempt, which Moore took and with a nice dropped penalty added yet another three points to the Navy score. With a final score of 12 points to 10 points the Navy left the field the deserving victors.

RAF V. POLICE

This developed into a forward battle, and as such was inclined to be scrappy, but it was Hannon who came to the rescue, and provided the necessary impetus to the Altimen that Lamb had usually provided.

Of the two teams the RAF played the more open game, and this eventually made the difference, although towards the end of the second half the Police forwards, who had fought well throughout began to tire and the Altimen were able to add the deciding goal.

Neither three really had a chance to show their worth, though Wilnot showed a much improved form, and had he seen more of the ball might have been able to score.

Both sides tackled fairly well, but there was some poor passing and the ball often went loose. For the Police, Scott had a grand game and made one or two nice openings.

Johnstone was a steady tower of strength in defence, and his kicking was good, but the other three lacked cohesion.

Within six minutes of the game opening the Police scored when they were able to get the ball back to Scott who cut through, then kicked ahead, and finally raced up to gather the kick and score near the posts. Johnston converted 5-6.

The RAF replied with a penalty goal in the 25th minute by Anderson, but after that play became terribly scrappy, and it was not until the closing minutes of the second half that there was another score.

On the half way line the ball went loose and Hannon snatched up the ball and whipped through but was bundled into touch on the Police 25. The Altimen won the line-out and kicked ahead, and Cornah raced through to score.

Now the Police really got going, but they made their big effort too late and despite a strong attempt by Walker and Johnston they just could not make it and the RAF left the field fully meriting their victory.

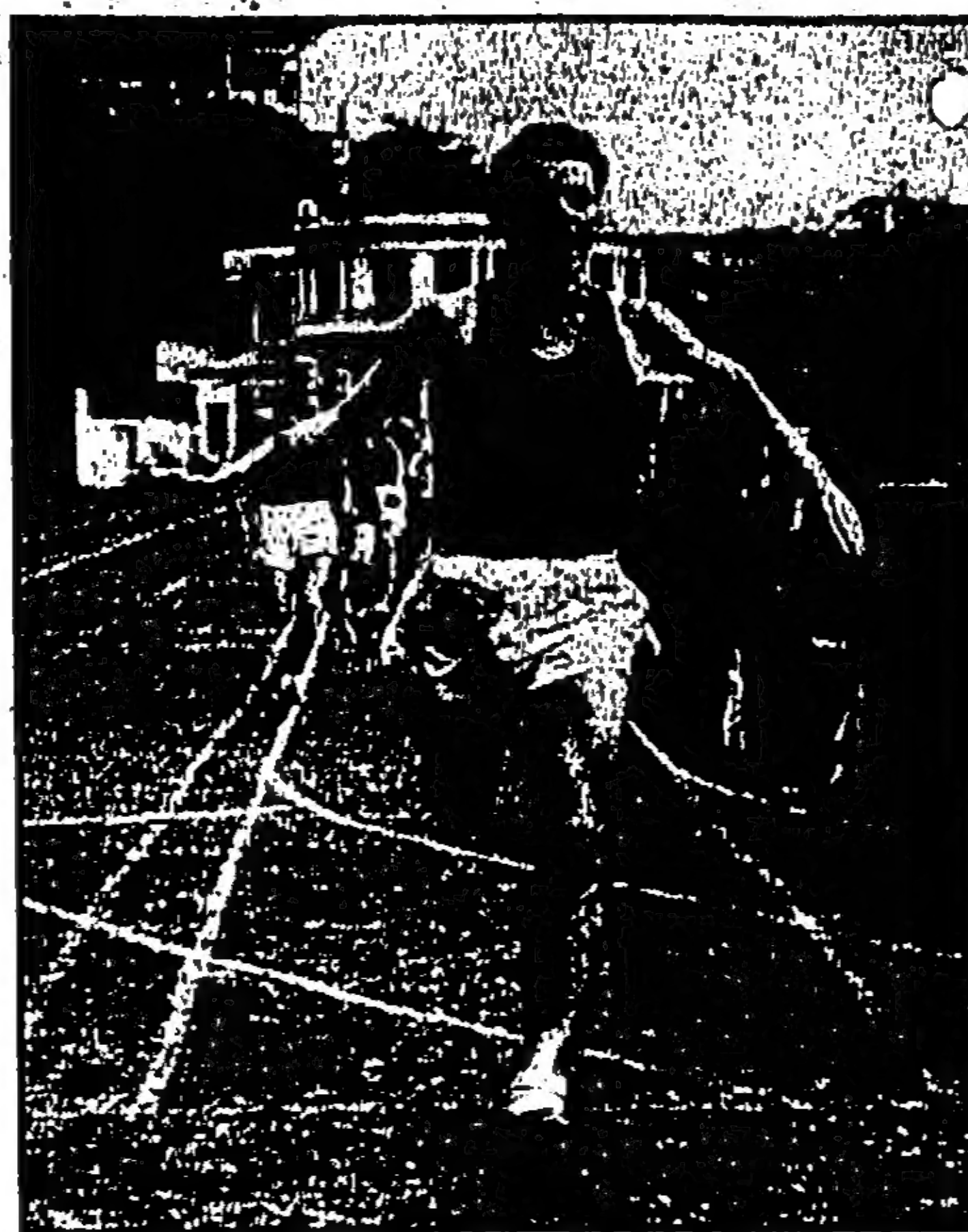
FIRST TEST

New Zealand 82 Runs Behind West Indies

Dunedin, Feb. 6. New Zealand were still 82 runs behind with only four second innings wickets standing at lunch on the third day of the First Test match against the West Indies.

Scores at the adjournment were: West Indies—1st innings 363, New Zealand 74 and 197 for six.—Reuter.

THIRD BEST EVER



2/Lt. Peter Boorman of 173 Loc. Bty., RA, and the HKAAC winning the Invitational 880 Yards Race at the University Inter-Faculty Meeting at Pokfulam on Saturday in 2 minutes 3.4 seconds. This was a Pokfulam record and the time has only been beaten in Hongkong by Lt. Keith Burch, Essex Regt. (2m.01.4s at Boundary Street) and Bdsman. H. Andison, KOSB (2m. 2.1s at Sookunpoo).

A surprise in this race was the second placing of Lt. Peter Alderton of the Essex Regt. who clocked a fast 2:05.0. Keith Martin of RAF Mount Davis was third in 2:05.4, disturbing a clean sweep for the Peters as Peter Randles of RAF Little Sal Wan was fourth in 2:05.6.—China Mail Photo.

Layers Will Not Take Chances With Clair Soleil

Says JAMES PARK

There should be every encouragement for the book-makers to open an ante-post book on the Champion Hurdle, to be run at Cheltenham on March 6.

The situation is fraught with possibilities and now is the time to tempt backers.

An automatic favourite is at once to hand in Clair Soleil. He won the corresponding race last year after a thrilling bout with Stroller. There was only a head in it as they went past the post.

So far this season Stroller has not run up to that form and many must be wondering whether the grizzling he got at Cheltenham has taken more out of him than can be replaced. Stroller has not been in the first three since that race, and whether he can stage a comeback this season, when he won't be prepared to express an opinion at the moment.

O'BRIEN RECORD

Vincent O'Brien seems to have the knack of producing his horses in their best form for the NH meeting at Cheltenham. His record at that meeting in post-war years will not be equalled for a long time.

With the exception of one outing on the field, nothing has been seen of Clair Soleil since his victory in the Champion Hurdle. When he ran on the last day of the flat-racing season at Lingfield I thought he had never looked better.

He was to have had his first race over hurdles a short time ago but a slight setback upset calculations.

It goes to the credit of Clair Soleil that he has not been beaten over hurdles either in England or France. In view of that record the layers are not likely to be at all generous when they decide to issue a list of prices on the Champion Hurdle.

The wise backer will also want evidence that the gelding has come to no harm as a result of giving his last ounce in the Champion Hurdle.

NEW STAR

A new star appeared at Manchester at the week-end when Yorkshire-trained Ingoo disposed of Champion Hurdle entrants in Bollow Comt, Stroller, Kwanmin, and Flame Royal with some ease.

Less than a year ago Ingoo won a handicap hurdle with 10st 10lb in the saddle. He probably would have won the Imperial Cup at Sandown with 11st 6lb as he was a clear leader at the last hurdles when he ran into the wing and unseated the rider.

This winner Ingoo has gone from strength to strength. When carrying 12st in a Liverpool handicap in November he was not beaten much more than a length. He then gave Kwanmin 9lb and three lengths at Doncaster.

When they met last Christmas Ingoo conceded 10lb to Kwanmin and beat him by 10 lengths. Obviously, Ingoo is very much on the upgrade.

In the Champion Hurdle Ingoo and Bollow Comt will be meeting at level weights, whereas at Manchester Ingoo gave 2lb and a six-length beating. Stroller, who was unplaced will be only 3lb better off at Cheltenham.

The advance of Ingoo has been remarkable, and I see no reason why he should not continue to improve. I do not think the bookmakers will want to take any chances with him. Clair Soleil, who trains Ingoo, is also responsible for Doorknocker.

I have not seen Doorknocker, who ran once as a four-year-old, and did not appear again until this season, when he won his two races. He is a year older than Ingoo and I should be surprised if Doorknocker enjoyed the bigger reputation at home.

BEST RECRUITS

Ignoring Roman Festival, who will not run in the Champion Hurdle, the best of seasons' recruits are Straight Lad and Yorktown. I doubt whether Straight Lad will go to the top this season, as he still has something to learn.

He treated two of the obstacles with disdain at Newbury earlier this month and, though he did not lose any ground he could not afford to do that in the best company.

It is too early to pass an opinion on Yorktown, who has had only one race over hurdles.

(London Express Service)

Another Australian Swim Record By Murray Rose

Sydney, Feb. 5. Australia's 17-year-old Olympic swimming hope Murray Rose tonight swam the fastest 1,000 metres in the world for almost three years, when he clocked 18 mins. 20.8 secs. in a record attempt in North Sydney's Olympic pool.

He was only 1.8 secs. outside the world record of 9.2 secs. faster than the Olympic record. Rose lowered the Australian national record for the 1,000 yards by 9.8 secs. in his sensational swim. He clocked 18 mins. 20.8 secs. over 1,050 yards tonight.

Rose's coach, Sam Herford, predicted after the swim that his pupil would lower the world record for the 1,000 metres during the Australian Championships later this month.

—France-Press.

RITA HALL'S ONE BUT LAST RECORD GOES

By "RECORDER"

Pint-sized Rita Hall of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Club once held five Colony athletic records. She now holds only one—the 100 Yards Dash in 11.8 seconds. The one but last, the Long Jump record, went at Pokfulam on Saturday to South China's Ng Shuet-kwai who on her second of six jumps cleared 16 feet 7 inches to top Rita's best by an inch.

Rita still holds the unofficial best ever women's long jump mark in Hongkong. She cleared 17 feet 10 inches in practice once at Boundary Street, while the unofficial Colony best ever mark of 16 feet 10½ inches belongs to Mui Shun-ngan who cleared this at Caroline Hill in 1948 at a meeting before the HKAAA was founded. Official Colony records date back to 1951 when the HKAAA was founded.

Mui Shun-ngan is said to have cleared 17 feet 2 inches at another meeting in 1940, but even this target appears to be well in the reach of Ng Shuet-kwai, who only took up long jumping as her main event this season, and cleared 16 feet 10 inches in a "bad" jump at Pokfulam on Saturday.

Her actual distance cleared in a jump from just behind the take-off board, her sixth on Saturday, was 16.10, the official measurement being 16.3½. She had three jumps over 16 feet and two more were just under that figure.

It was more than evident as Shuet-kwai sailed through the air on her second jump that the Colony record was gone. She had soared up to a good height, cleared off the board and it looked more like a 17-footer than the actual 16 feet 7 inches the steel tape showed.

Curiously enough, her sixth jump where she actually cleared 16 feet 10 inches did not look so good. She knew she had missed the board as she took off and sailed up with a shout of annoyance and a terrific kick off the grass.

She did suggest quite forcibly that it is only a matter of weeks now before she will reach 17 feet and go well over that. The South-East Asian record of 17 feet 1½ inches held by Anne Choong of Kuala Lumpur is well within her grasp and every effort should be made to send her to the Malayan AAA Championships at Penang this coming August.

Little Fong Sik, a great campaigner in this event, recorded her best ever of 16 feet 2½ inches in second place. Both girls raced much more speed than they have won, but Shuet-kwai has the tremendous advantage of height.

NOT THIS TIME

Hongkong did not see its first sub-two minute Half Mile on Saturday. Conditions were not too bad, but not ideal. The ground was on the hard side and there had been too much of a chill wind before the race which took off much of the benefit of the pre-race warming up and disturbed the race to some extent.

Peter Boorman, the winner, took the brunt of the wind as he led practically from gun to tape to record 2:03.4. His victory came as no great surprise, but Peter Alderton's second place in 2:05.0 upset all predictions on the finishing order.

Keith Martin stayed in front of Peter Randles at the end for 2:05.4 against 2:06.8 and Leong Shu-chung recorded also his best ever for the full "Half" of 2:07.4 with Leung Kam-po trailing in 2:11.2.

The runners maintained the finishing order through most of the three laps, except that Alderton managed to find a finishing burst that brought him out of the ruck into second place. Martin and Randles are not particularly interested in the Half, both being in training for the Mile and now in the speed work stage, but both ran their fastest times for this distance in Hongkong.

Peter Alderton, who started out as a distance runner—one may recall that he was third in the Cross Country Championships and then ninth in the HKAAA 10-Mile Road Race—can start thinking about following Boorman's example and coming down to the middle distance.

PUZZLING AGAIN

The question of which is Hongkong's fastest track now becomes puzzling again. Pokfulam held the palm for a long time by virtue of the fast times recorded on it, but Mr Gure-

vitch thinks that the Caroline Hill track is faster. It may be in December and January, but the dry spell extending into February and March definitely slows it down. The probable answer is that Caroline Hill is the fastest track up to mid-January and Pokfulam, once the rains come, is the fastest from March on.

Peter Boorman need feel no disappointment over failing to become the first sub-two minute Half Miler in Hongkong. Mr Gurevitch, an excellent judge of potential, predicts 1:54 for the Half in his first year at Cambridge. Anyway, there are several great Burch-Boorman duels coming on and the first two-minute Half Mile in Hongkong is not far off. It may come at the Land Forces Championships at Boundary Street.

The Inter-Faculty meeting produced some reasonably good performances though it was obvious that nobody was trying very hard and there wasn't the same support that the meeting had last year.

GETTING FASTER

Ng Chuan-wai continued his progress as a sprinter, winning the 100 Yards in 10.4 seconds from a good field and being nipped by Fung Kat-lee in a 2.48 seconds 220 Yards.

Without having been able to put in much training in these events in the past few months, he also managed a good 200 feet 9 inches for the Long Jump and 42 feet for the Hop, Step and Jump.

Chan Leong-chye cleared 5 feet 3½ inches in the High Jump. Wallace Wong continued blithely on his career as the University's greatest ever distance runner, very leisurely clearing the course even in the Half Mile.

The annual University Championships will now take place on Saturday, March 11, when the two invitational events will be the One Mile and the Ladies' Long Jump.

The annual Norman Phillips Trophy Match (HKUAC v. SCOA v. HKAAAC) will be held at Pokfulam on Sunday, March 11.

There will be no forenoon athletic meeting at Caroline Hill Stadium this coming Sunday owing to the Chinese New Year Holidays. The next forenoon meeting at Caroline Hill will be on Sunday, February 19, when the feature event will be the 3,000 Metres run, which may bring together such outstanding long and middle distance runners as Bob Pape, Keith Burch, Peter Boorman, Peter Alderton, Chan Hung-man, Chan Klam-hung, Au Chung-sing and others.

League Cricket

Nothing very exciting occurred in the First Division Cricket League matches on Saturday except for a draw between the Royal Air Force and Kowloon Cricket Club at Cox's Road. The Altimen declared at 140 for nine wickets and KCC countered with 110 for nine. The Altimen's Championship chances as a result look very slim.

League standings after Saturday's matches are:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Army S	12	9	1	2	37
Army N	12	9	0	3	36
RAF	12	7	3	2	30
Scorpions	11	7	0	4	28
Optimists	12	5	4	3	25
IRC	12	4	4	4	20
CCC	11	4	3	4	19
KCC	12	4	2	6	19
Police	12	2	4	6	12
Recreio	13	2	3	8	11
Royal Navy	13	0	3	10	3

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Meeting
Council Meeting, ASF & OC Committees at SCM Post Board Rooms, 8.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Lawn Bowls.
Inter-Union pairs presentation at CCC, 8 p.m.

Police To Guard British Referees On Contract In South America

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Feb. 5. Police body-guards are being supplied at matches for British referees on contract to football associations in South American countries.

The Britons themselves laugh at any suggestion that their professional duties on the field are fraught with any undue danger. But incidents will happen—as two British referees discovered recently.

Bill Meade, who awarded a penalty against the home side during an exciting game in Argentina, was attacked and had a tooth knocked out. Police had to turn water hoses and use tear gas on the crowd before the resulting fight was quelled.

In Rio, referee Fred Williams from Plymouth received two blows on the chin from a player after a decision during a match between the Argentine Racing Club and Rio's Vasco da Gama.

British referees have charge of key games in various South American countries during each season. They have undoubtedly won great respect for themselves and for the role they have to perform in games where Latin temperaments may flare up with only slight provocation.

Referees have been coming from Britain to Brazil since 1948 when a Southampton team visited Brazil accompanied by referee George Reader.—China Mail Special.

COPENHAGEN CYCLING

Three Cyclists

Forced To

Abandon Race

Copenhagen, Feb. 5. A contagious stomach disease causing fever and bad diarrhoea was tonight spreading through the riders of the Copenhagen six-day cycle race and threatening to cut short the event.

So far three riders, one French and two Danes, have been forced to abandon the race through stomach trouble and others are feeling sick. The officials tonight considered cancelling the remainder of the race if the disease were to spread further.

Cycleclub officials were tonight trying feverishly to try to find the source of the contamination.—France-Press.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1955/56 to be held on Saturday, 18th and Sunday, 25th February, 1956, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Wednesday, 8th February, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Bayer's TONIC

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DOUBLE TAKE

IT was late in the evening and about the streets that lead from the Strand, a tall, tousled youth in leather windcheater and flannels drifted morosely, peering into the doorways of dark-fronted shops and offices.

He found what he wanted at last, and stooped to pick up an empty milk-bottle that someone had put out in a doorstep. Armed now, the young man quickened his step until he stood before a tall, many-windowed office-building.

The young man gripped the neck of the milk-bottle, and during it as hard as he could through one of the windows.

IGNORED
THE sound of the splintering glass was satisfactory. The young man waited for sounds more exciting, still—of massive feet hurrying, of police-whistles, of a challenging shout.

But no sounds came, except the night-subdued hum of traffic. The young man, whose name was Henry, began to feel decidedly foolish, standing there, surrounded by the evidence of a crime, which the world chose to ignore. At last he grew tired of awaiting arrest. He strode off to Bow Street police station.

"I've come to give myself up," he said there. "I'm a thief." "Oh, yes," said the duty officer, "and what have you been up to?"

THE SEARCH
HENRY told him. There was a visit to the scene of the crime. Then Henry was charged and searched.

"Hullo, hullo," said the officer searching him, "what's this, eh?"

"That's a shining sheath-knife, 12 in. long, the size of a sword, the handle is made of wood, the blade is steel, it's a very fine weapon."

"There'll be another charge now," said the officer, "not having in your possession, without lawful excuse, an offensive weapon."

Henry pleaded guilty next morning to wilfully damaging a pane of glass valued at £1, and to possessing an offensive weapon.

VARIED CAREER
"THAT'S a formidable-looking thing, isn't it," said Sir Laurence, Dunne, the chief magistrate, gingerly fingering the knife. "Tell me about this man."

"He's 23 years old," said the policeman. "There are no previous convictions. He's been an apprentice electrician, travelled round Yorkshire as a farm-labourer, and been to sea as a fireman. He was discharged for disorderly conduct, and went to work at a fairground for £3 a week, all found. He's been out of work since December."

"Why did he break the window?"

"He said he wanted to park for the night."

"Has he any people?"

"Not that he'll tell me about. He says he's a native of Grimby and left there at 14."

Dulles Will Have Many Subjects To Discuss

Washington, Feb. 5. Mr John Foster Dulles, the United States Secretary of State, is not expected to offer any relaxation of the American attitude to Communist China when he visits Japan and nine other Far Eastern countries on a whirlwind tour next month.

Two of the most important subjects expected to be raised in connection with China when he visits Japan are the United Nations embargo on strategic trade with China and the Formosa situation.

The trade embargoes were discussed at last week's meeting between President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden, the British Premier. Usually reliable sources say that Britain succeeded in persuading the United States that these embargoes should take into account their effect on the economies of the non-Communist nations.

Even this minor softening of the United States support for a 100 per cent trade embargo has already caused Republican Senator William Knowland, Senate minority leader, to declare that this is "hardly the time to relax restrictions on any trade of strategic importance."

JAPAN AND UN
The Soviet veto on Japan's admission to the United Nations and the progress of the current Soviet-Japanese peace treaty talks in London are likely to be among the other main political subjects covered in Japan.

Mr. Dulles will probably also seek to reassure the Japanese that every precaution will be taken to ensure complete safety to Japanese fishermen and others during the coming United States nuclear tests in the Pacific.

Other Japanese-United States problems he may discuss in Tokyo include the return of the Bonin Islands to their island, on which talks are expected to begin here shortly between the State and Defence departments.

RED GUNBOAT SUNK
Taipei, Feb. 5. The Nationalist Navy sank a Communist gunboat in a 15-minute naval battle northeast of Matsu tonight, the Nationalist Defence Ministry announced.

The sea-battle took place when four Communist gunboats and two landing craft, sailing out from Luyuan Bay, were encountered by a Nationalist naval patrol unit in the area.

One of the Communist gunboats received direct hits and sank while the remaining warships withdrew towards the mouth of the Ming River.

No damage or casualties were suffered by the Nationalist units, the Defence Ministry said.

Nationalist planes took part in the battle, dropping flares to guide the Nationalist naval gun fire. One of the islands in the Matsu group was shelled by the Communist shore batteries shortly after the battle. Four rounds were lobbed but no damage was reported, the Ministry said. —France-Press.

Youth's Adventure With Lion

Lusaka, N. Rhodesia, Feb. 6. A remarkable adventure with a lion is told by 19-year-old Archie Barclay of Lusaka.

Unarmed, he was driving his father's truck, loaded with small livestock, along a bush track in Northern Rhodesia, when he heard a tremendous commotion among the animals.

He looked round and to his horror saw that a full-grown lion had jumped from the roadside into the enclosed back of the truck.

The lion killed a pig and threw it over the side, but found it could not follow because Archie had started driving away as fast as he could back to the farm.

NIGHTMARE RIDE
Throughout the nightmare journey he heard the threatening roars of the lion behind him. At home, he drove round and round the house, hoping his mother would come out and shoot the lion, but she explained afterwards she was afraid of killing her son instead.

Eventually, Archie stopped the truck and made a dash for the house and a gun, but when he emerged, gun in hand, he found the lion had trotted off in the direction of the place where it had deposited the pig.

Chinese Mission Returns Home
A group of more than 30 members of the Chinese diplomatic mission in New Delhi arrived here in the RMS Corfu this morning en route to Peking. The group, which included several women, have been in the Indian capital for more than two years.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm waiting another year to see what the 1957 cars are like—do you want to wait and see what the 1957 mink coats are like, too?"

NO DISCRIMINATION PROMISED

Capetown, Feb. 5. South Africa has agreed there will be no discrimination against non-white at the Simonstown naval base near here, transferred from Britain to South Africa under an agreement reached last July, it was announced here today.

Details of the agreement over the base—were revealed here today through the publication of letters between the two countries.

Harbour Collision TWO STILL MISSING

Two persons are still missing after last night's harbour collision between the Norwegian freighter, Hai Hing, and a Marine Department tugboat towing three refuse lighters. The tugboat sank.

The ten people admitted to hospital after the collision were discharged following treatment.

The first rescue boat to reach the scene of the collision last night was HMS Comus, commanded by Lieut Black. The Comus picked up four survivors and took them to HMS Tambar from whence they were taken to Queen Mary Hospital.

ACCESSION DAY OBSERVED

Twenty-one gun royal salutes were simultaneously fired by the Royal Navy from HMS Temar and the Army from Signal Hill at noon today in celebration of the accession to the throne of Her Majesty the Queen four years ago.

All naval vessels in port, including visiting American, Dutch and Portuguese warships, were dressed overall for the occasion.

The Lammert's Return

Returning from leave in the RMS Corfu this morning were Mr and Mrs L. E. Lammert, well-known local residents, who went to Nairobi to attend the marriage of their daughter, Margery, to Mr Peter Nicholl, who are making their future home in Colcutta.

Mr and Mrs Lammert spent some time in England before going to Nairobi. They flew to Bombay after the wedding to board the Corfu.

Back From Leave

Police officers who returned from leave in the Corfu from the United Kingdom this morning were Mr K. N. McCleod, Mr P. A. English and Mr L. A. Young. Mr McCleod and Mr English were accompanied by their families.

ACCUSED OF STABBING MAN

BUS DRIVER ON TRIAL

A bus driver was accused at the Victoria District Court this morning of stabbing with a triangular file a clerk with whom he had previously had a fight.

Tsang Kwok-po, 29, pleaded not guilty before Judge K. R. MacFee to wounding Lam Sun, alias Lam Sau, with intent to cause grievous bodily harm.

Tsang is defended by Mr Peter Mo. The Prosecution is conducted by Det. Inspector C. J. Askew, assisted by Det. Inspector J. M. Clumey.

Askew told the Court that the complainant and defendant formerly lived at 39 Yiu Wah Street, Bay View.

Early on August 5, last year, there was a dispute between them, in the course of which the accused was assaulted by the complainant. Complainant later moved from the premises.

Shortly after noon on September 13, Lam was sitting at a cooked food stall in Tang Lung Street, Wanchai, having his meal. Suddenly he felt a pain in the back. Turning around, he saw accused standing behind him, holding a triangular file.

ARM SCALDED
Tsang, Inspector Askew went on, then attacked Lam with the file. Complainant fell from his seat and his arm came into contact with a cooking vessel, and he was scalded.

Some 15 minutes afterwards, accused surrendered himself at the Eastern Police Station and made a statement. Complainant was sent to Queen Mary Hospital.

Dr Fung Ying-bat, house surgeon at the Hospital, testified that he examined the complainant and found six wounds and two scalding areas on him. There were wounds on Lam's left temple region, on one of the eyelids, the upper lip, the right shoulder, behind the right elbow, and a V-shaped wound on the lower chest.

Complainant was discharged from hospital on September 20. Cross-examined, witness stated that he could not say from the nature of the various wounds on the complainant, whether they had been inflicted in the course of a scuffle.

AN ARGUMENT
The complainant then gave evidence as to what had happened. He said that the fight between himself and accused on August 5 was as a result of an argument which arose when accused pressed the house doorbell three or four times while coming in from work, which act complainant resented.

The Police were called to stop the fight, and both of them were warned to keep the peace. Hearing is proceeding.

YUEN LONG ROBBERY

Three Chinese entered House No. 28, Choi Yuen Village, Ngau Tau, Yuen Long at about 7.30 p.m. yesterday and threatened the inmates with scissor blades.

The occupants resisted and in the subsequent struggle one of the inmates received an injury. The robbers then ran away but were pursued by villagers who succeeded in capturing one of them. Nothing was stolen.

Police enquiries are continuing.

LEAVES FOR TOKYO

Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Superintendent-in-Chief of St John Ambulance Brigade, left for Tokyo by Pan-American Airways this morning in the course of her tour of the Far East.

She was seen off at the airport by Mr Fung Ping-fan, Commissioner of the Hongkong St John Ambulance Brigade, officials of the St John Ambulance Brigade and Association, Dr and Mrs Arthur Wood, Mr R. White, ADC to His Excellency the Governor, Commander J. H. Unwin and others.

PURSE STOLEN

Two cases of larceny from the person were reported to the Police yesterday.

A Chinese had his pocket picked of a fountain pen in Queen's Road Central. Another Chinese had a purse containing cash from a Chinese woman on board a tram, near Western Market.

A camera was stolen from an unattended motor car parked on the Central Reclamation yesterday.

From Our Files

100 Years Ago

We print the copy of a Circular which seems to have originated with our Superintendent of Police, and by which he would seem inclined to admit the well known inefficiency of the force of which he is at the head.

We would certainly rather see him employing his energies in suggesting, and putting in action, measures for improving the body the commands, which, but little effectual for good, does infinite mischief to our character among the Chinese, by the extortions of which some of its members have been proved guilty, and of which we fear, a great deal more goes on, than is brought to the notice of the Superintendent or the public.

Personal observation has shown us that the Police are occasionally guilty of unnecessary violence. We saw the other day an unfortunate Chinaman of about six feet in height, in custody of one of our athletic Indian Constables, who had a good hold of his tail, as the man was walking along quietly enough—not making the slightest resistance—when all at once, the policeman raised his staff and administered three heavy blows across the prisoner's back, the which blows were taken very quietly and quite uncomplainingly.

This may be construed with the manners and customs of Chinese police, but they are certainly not those which we should like to see adopted by servants of Her Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

DIFFICULT TASK

We know that great difficulties lie in the way of obtaining and retaining such a police force as would be desirable. We are ready to admit, that the Superintendent has a most difficult task, to make anything presentable out of the bad materials with which they are provided.

Therefore that the first step towards improving them should be to supply them with better materials by paying a higher price for them. The Colony is just now in a most flourishing condition; it has money in its purse and in our opinion the improvement of the police force has a prior claim upon the surplus, to any of the other improvements which the Governor may be purposing in as much as it is absolutely essential to the preservation of our persons and property.

Let us then not grudge the dollars for this object—but let us also be careful to see that our increased expenditure produces the desired result. Do not let us allow incompetent and inefficient men to be promoted to positions of trust, which if properly expended, could not fail to furnish us with that most desirable thing, an efficient, honest and active Constabulary.

WELL FOUND FEAR

We have said so much on the subject of improving our present police force, because we very much fear that, to any of the suggestions of the Register, are too well founded and that the plan for enrolling a special constabulary, consisting of European and other inhabitants of Victoria, will prove an abortion, or, if it is not an abortion, it will lead to a short and inglorious career; and the Hongkong Special Constabulary, like the famous Hongkong Volunteers, would soon be reckoned among the things that were.

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